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pieces.

piece by **piece**, what was to be our new school was assembled. The softball team shone with more coaches. The baseball team scored record-breaking triple hits. Students travelled north to lend a hand. All is peaceful throughout the summer of 2007 up until...

The havoc of construction broke in the new school year. Students were forced to deal with extremely limited parking, shaking ceilings, and the relentless sounds of drills as JHS was torn to **pieces**. The finished product remained far from sight, yet inside of our crumbling walls, traditions continued. Homecoming came and went early in September, and for the first time the sophomore team took the Powderpuff champion title.

Despite the almost unrecognizable state of their school, students made the most of the 2007-2008 school year. The best varsity football record in years created avid fans. The volleyball team reigned supreme and brought home a state title. Almost accustomed to inevitable construction changes, students came back from winter break alarmed by new bells.

Within the pages of this book you'll find the **pieces** that made up our year. As JHS students, we had to look past our walls for the little things that made our high school experience one of a kind; the **pieces** that defined our year.

Government teacher Jeremy Yenger tries his best to deliver his message to the graduating class during the annual senior breakfast. Students nominated teachers Jason Jauron and Curt Larkin, along with Yenger, to be their guest speakers during the breakfast.





photo by Abby Weaver

piece of life

What happened outside of the school walls often affected what occurred within them, making student life a thriving **piece** of JHS. And although plenty of traditions occurred every year, life was never boring. The homecoming dance changed its location to the Summit Middle School cafeteria. Injuries kept starting athletes on the bench and put a color guard captain on crutches. Foreign exchange students traded **pieces** of their own lives to experience the **pieces** of ours. These stories and many more combined to create a year unlike any other, just one **piece** of our lives.

Attempting to remove as much pudding from her face as possible, senior Bethany Christenson wipes the chocolate from senior Kari Dockum's face. "Beth got pudding in my ear and my nose and it was gross, but we had fun," Dockum said.

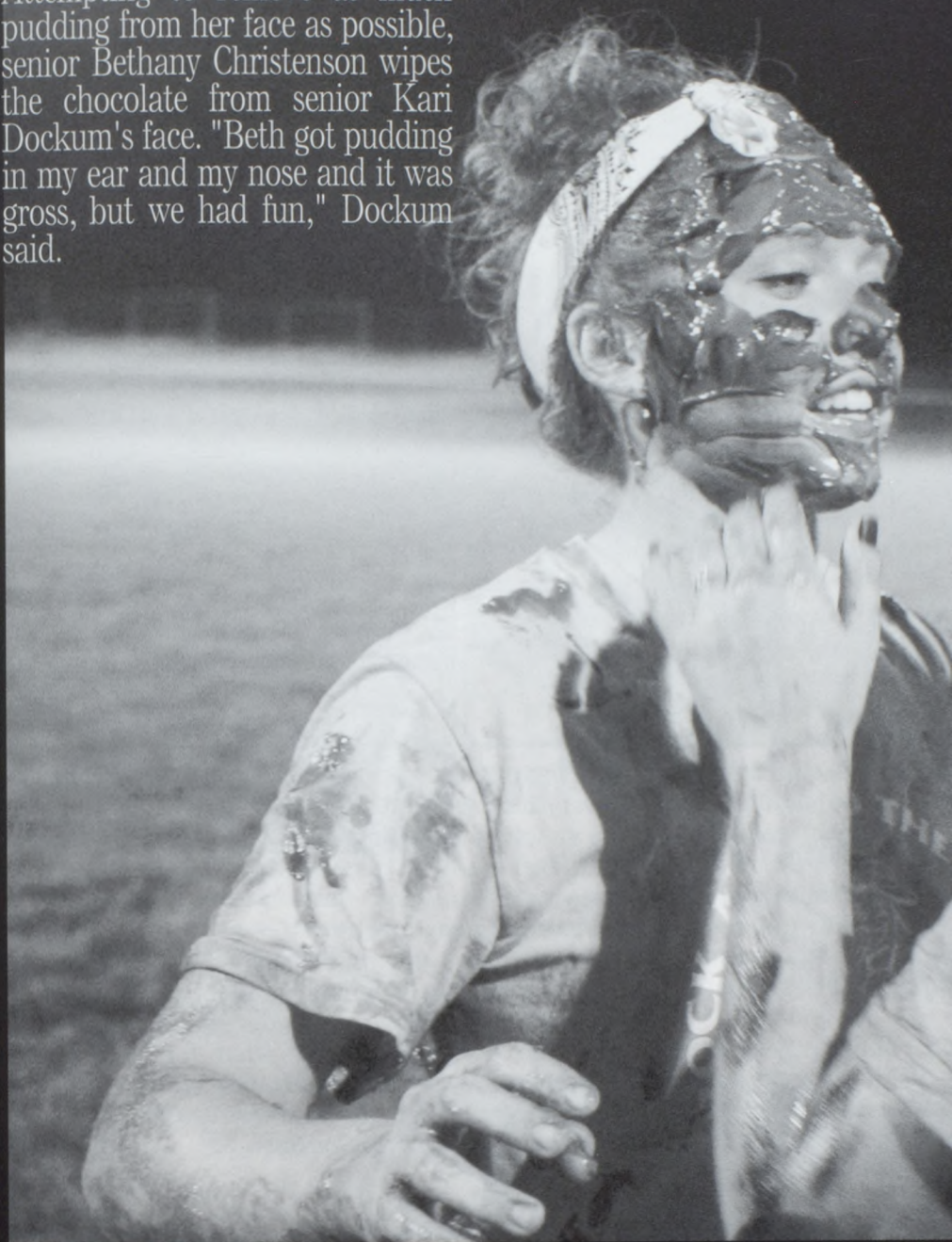




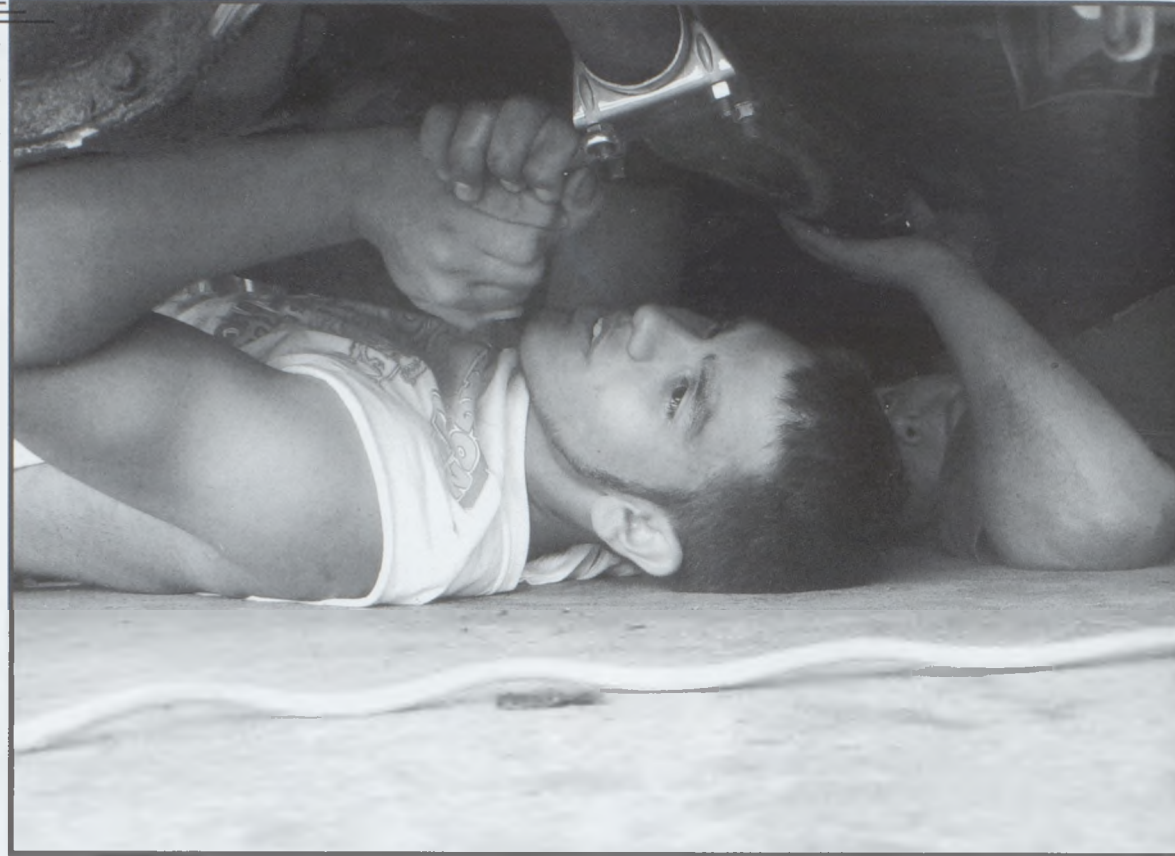
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Attempting to make the muffler sound louder, juniors John Puffett and Ben Wilkens put a glass pack on Puffett's Jeep. "It was a pain in the butt and was dirty. It took three days to do!" Wilkens said.

More Than *a Missions* Trip

Students pair service with education about global warming on a trip to Alaska



Stepping off the plane and taking in the crisp mountain air, seniors Evan Stone, Cullen and Soren Hirst, and sophomore Courtney Sabus got their first glimpse of the Alaskan territory they would call home for the first week of July. The group, along with their church, traveled to the small town of Delta Junction, lending a hand to a church there. "A church up there had a lot where they wanted to build," Stone said. "They couldn't (build) because there was already (another building) there; we went up and (tore it down) for free."

Days were spent demolishing the old church building; during free time they played cards and games of ultimate frisbee. "I got closer with some of my friends, some of whom I never thought closer was possible," Stone said.

Adding the volunteer work with sightseeing across the state, the students were made aware of all that could be harmed by global warming.

Before the journey to Alaska, the students were taught about the effects of the gradual heating of the Earth. "We watched videos and wrote research papers about it. We learned about ways to help prevent global warming," Stone said.

The students got the opportunity to see the possible dangers of global warming and what it could do to the environment in Alaska. "We saw glaciers, trees, and mountains, all that could potentially disappear because of global warming," Soren Hirst said. The scenery in Alaska contrasted the buildings and construction located back home in Johnston.

"It was really cool," Soren Hirst said. "Everything was different, the clouds and how the air felt. It never got dark, it got twilight-ish but never (dark) all the way. (My favorite part) were the mountains; there weren't housing developments everywhere."

Spending time in Alaska's wilderness and mountains gave the students a fresh perspective on the Earth's landscape. "(Going) gave me better insight to what the world really looks like with the absence of humans messing with it," Stone said. *Spread by Sam Dearden and Makayla Coulson.*



photo provided by Renee Pike



In a moment of spontaneity, senior Taylor Spartz lunges from a chair and anticipating her landing onto a bed of pillows in her hotel room in Nashville, TN, a trip for TSA Nationals. "Initially, we were all worn out and tired and I was like, "Take a picture of me jumping off the chair!" Spartz said.



Rolling her cheesy crescent roll, junior Tara McCulley prepares an afternoon snack. McCulley and friends chose to save money by eating at home instead of eating out.

photo by Erin Funk



photo by Leah Kron

Taking a moment on her trip to Chicago to cheer on the Iowa Hawkeyes, senior Lauren Lund captures the city skyline. She and senior Leah Kron traveled to Chicago to watch the Hawkeyes play in their game against Northern Illinois.

Summer

photo by Sam Dearden



Senior Alyssa Patten gazes at the clouds as she straddles part of a tank at Camp Dodge. "My friend and I were bored so we started to climb the tanks!" Patten said.

photo by Erin Funk



Senior Sammy McConeghey and junior Sam Parker light their sparklers from the tiki torch at McConeghey and senior Courtney Coakley's joint birthday party. "Courtney and I have had our party together for the past two years," McConeghey said. Sparklers just seemed like fun."

“The best part of the summer was when I went to Florida. I laid by the pool and just hung out.”



Nick Evans '10

“Summertime doesn't last long enough and usually you don't get to see all your friends.”



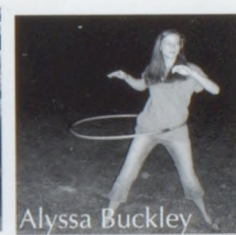
Michele Wallace



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Alyssa Buckley



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Leslie Ware



photo by Mindy Dickerson

Showing off his favorite cheerleading stunt, senior Nathan Clock attempts a toe touch jump at the homecoming pep assembly. The cheerleaders changed the traditional Miss JHS Football to JHS Gladiator.

Students *Start* Smashing

Football players start new event to help fellow teammate

After the traditional parade held Thursday night, students not only headed to the football stadium to get ready for the powderpuff game, but also to witness a car smash. For the first time, students got to smash an old car, in which all proceeds would go to a cancer victim's family. "I didn't hit the car, although I wanted to," senior Chris Wilkinson said. "I just went over and watched the jocks beat that car up."

The car smashing idea was brought up by senior football players Jake Highfill and Troy DuBay. They wanted to do something to help football player senior Mat and junior Mindy Dickerson's family, whose dad was diagnosed with cancer. "We thought a car smash would be sweet," Highfill said.

Highfill and Dubay got student council involved by getting the materials, promoting the event, and coordinating it so it would flow well with the barbeque. "It worked out well," Wilkinson said. "People could get a quick bite to eat and watch a show at the same time."

The car smashing area was set up outside the stadium by the practice fields. For precaution, the old car stood in the middle of an orange safety circle, so the only person allowed in the circle would be the hitter. "We had to make it as safe as possible," Highfill said.

Students who wanted to take part in the car smash had to choose between hitting the car once for \$1 or hitting the car six times for \$5. Most people ended up swinging six times at a little higher cost.

Senior Kyle Hanson took part in hitting the car. According to Hanson, everyone just wanted to beat the car up as much as possible. "I hit the car once, but I liked it so much I hit it three more times," Hanson said.

Student council advisor Chris Beguhn thought the it was a success. "In about 45 minutes, we raised \$240, and everyone seemed like they were having fun," Beguhn said.

All the proceeds went to the Dickerson family whose father passed away on Sept. 25. "In all it was a great event," Highfill said. "People had fun and it was for a good cause." *Spread by Ciera Lundgren*

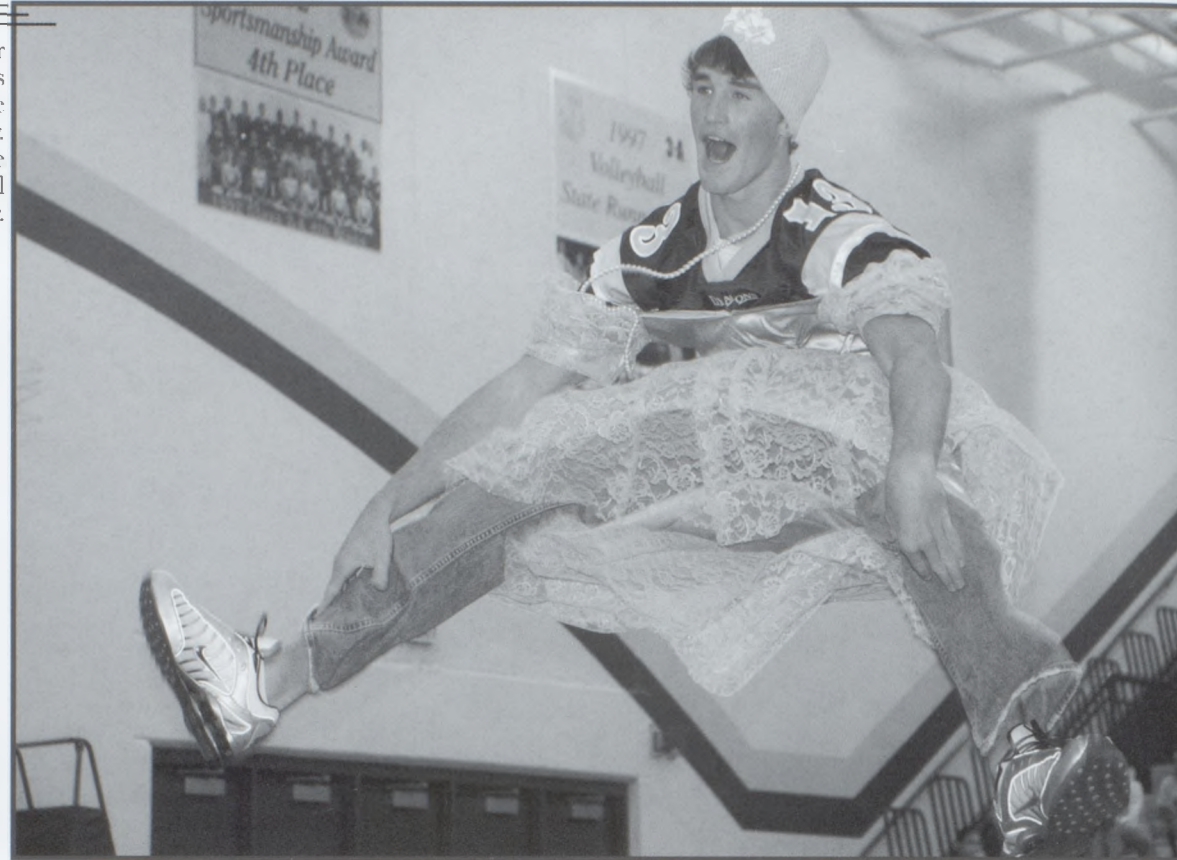
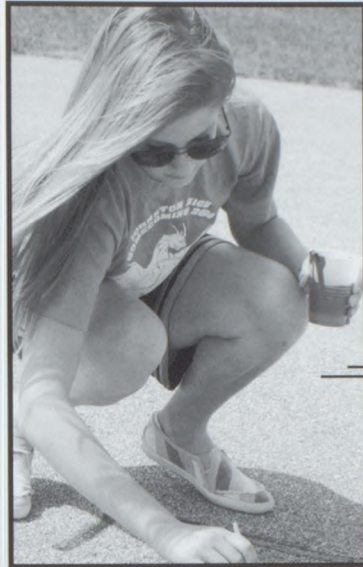


photo by Katie Norris



Senior quarterback Leslie Ware runs the ball at the powder puff football game. The final round was between the sophomores and the seniors, with the sophomores winning 21-7.



Starting off the week, senior Jenny Pray paints on the football stadium sidewalk. The sidewalk painting was sponsored by student council. "It's always a great way to start the week right," Pray said.

photo by Katie Norris

photo by Bethany Christenson



Getting ready for the homecoming parade, freshman Allie Crist creates stars with the dance team members' names labeled for the float. Members got pumped for the parade by listening to music and dancing together.

Homecoming

photo by Matthew Courtney



Participating in Rock Around the Clock, senior Bethany Christenson smothering pudding all over senior Kari Dockum's face. "It was disgusting," Dockum said. "I was expecting the pudding to be in my hair not on my face."



photo by Katie Norris

Reading in AP English, senior Nikki Ward wears a toga, despite disapproval by the administration. "I was expecting a lot of other seniors to do it," Ward said.

"I definitely liked that we kept the dress-up days because it really shows that our school has school spirit and a lot of people participated."



"I thought the planning was rushed because of the early week of Homecoming and I feel the events could have been better."

Allison Kane '09



Ben Herman



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Leslie Tinnermeir



Caroline Johnson



Alan Nagel



Leah Kron

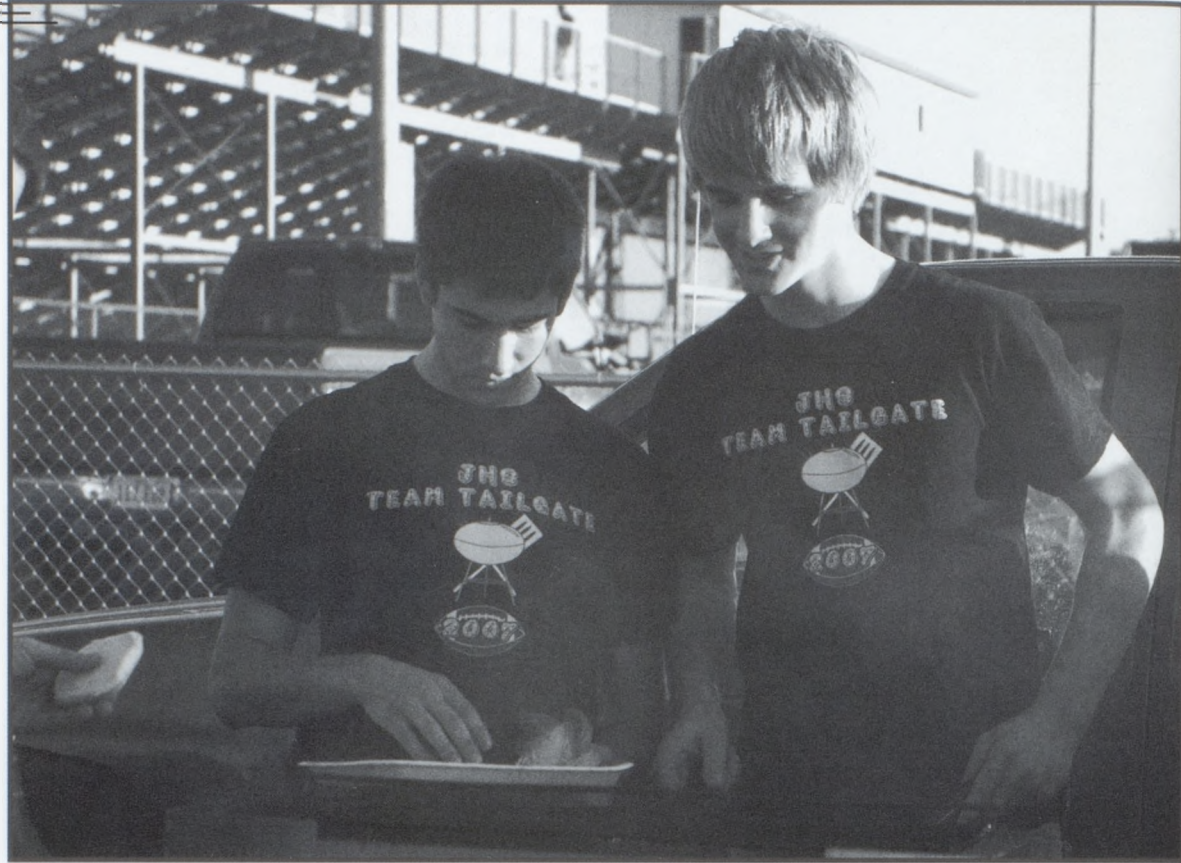


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Grilling for their fellow tailgaters, juniors Drew Wilson and Tyler Waltz place burgers on a plate for students to grab. Waltz was the "Master Griller" for Team Tailgate, and was in charge of cooking most of the students' burgers.

Team *tailgate* tradition

after rule-breaking, staff sponsor is put in place



As the canary yellow flag was unloaded out of the back of Tyler Waltz's jade SUV, Team Tailgate was embarking on yet another evening of football festivities. Although this is common for the tailgating crew, this year rules were changed to add a sponsor. "We've had people come drunk this year and that got us into trouble," junior Tyler Waltz said. "Rather than take the whole thing away, they decided to have a teacher come to monitor us at each game."

Since these rules took place mid-season, staff sponsors were hard to come by. Student council devised a plan to make tailgating more school organized. Student council advisor Chris Beguhn volunteered herself for the position. "The kids

would rather have me around than authority; I'm just here for the kids," Beguhn said.

Johnston's Team Tailgate is the only school in the CIML that allows their students to function on school property. Tailgating will now be treated like a club and will work more through the school, such as the Superfan following.

With problems surrounding tailgating's Friday night fun, the administration worries about the rules and regulations set into place. "There have been concerns about illegal activity and we know that students didn't want the administrators supervising them the whole time," associate principal Jerry Stratton said. "We wanted to keep things going and didn't want to result to banning

it all together."

Although administrators have been more strict on rules, they were apt on keeping the spirit alive. "We don't want to ruin something so positive for the kids," Stratton said. "It's just a safety issue that now requires us to be prepared because of the large numbers of participants."

All three administrators were present during tailgating time, but they are only there to assist with other pre-game activities. "We don't want to ruin something so positive," Stratton said. "It's good for the kids to have a good time while keeping safety in mind. We want to keep the traditions alive." *spread by Caitlin Larkin and Bethany Christenson.*

photo by Caitlin Larkin



Student sponsor Chris Beguhn talks with senior Derek Furrow during a night of tailgating. "I volunteered myself to be the advisor because I knew that was what the kids would want," Beguhn said.



Taking a huge bite out of her burger, junior Anne Gray hangs out with her fellow tailgating friends. Gray liked the atmosphere at Team Tailgate and went as often as she could.

photo by Caitlin Larkin



photo by Mindy Dickerson

Killing time, junior Zac Stevens plays frisbee with his friends at the practice football field the the tailgate prior to the Indianola game. Students would play Frisbee and throw a football around while waiting for the varsity games to start.

Tailgating



photo by Mindy Dickerson

Quenching her thirst, junior Nikki Sullivan grabs a Mountain Dew out of the tailgating cooler. Pop was provided by Derek Furrow and Hy-Vee.



photo by Mindy Dickerson

Keeping warm, juniors Zach Jensen, Mike Faley, and Mickey Greene bundle up in the back of junior Tyler Waltz's truck. "Tailgating is a fun thing to do before games because you get to hang out with friends and eat food," Jensen said.

"I like tailgating because it is a good positive place to get pumped up before the game."



Miles Summa '09

"In tailgating, some kids can ruin it for everyone, so you have to watch out for that."



Kory McCracken



Jesse Poor Thunder



Derek Wright



Derek Furrow and Trista Woody



Becky Cooper



Youth



photo by Leah Kron

After hearing Drake basketball player Josh Young speak during an FCA meeting, juniors Emily Schwartz, Nikki Sullivan, and Kate Nielsen ask Young about being a college basketball player. Leaders of FCA tried to find people with different backgrounds to give a "testimony" at every meeting.



photo by Nicole Postel

Watching the screens, junior Christian Haas helps during a performance by a Christian band, AvanoX, at the Gloria Deo church in Johnston.

Speaking to the other members of FCA, senior Thomas Lashier introduces the speakers for the night. Lashier was a leader of FCA and hosted the meeting for the night.



photo by Leah Kron

Reaching for a scotcheroo, senior Nick Bass indulges himself at the FCA meeting. Baked goods were made by members of the Fellowship and enjoyed by all.

Laughing while playing a game of "hi-ya," members of the youth group bond. The group included students from several schools and allowed everyone meet new people.

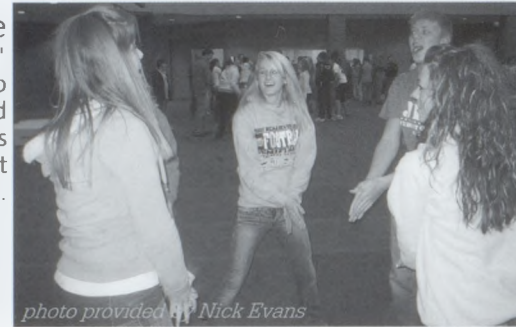


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“We just wear it to notify people that we have FCA that night. It just shows that we were excited for it, and it's kind of a promotional shirt.”

Rachel Lang '08



Senior Nick Hunsburger ends a song with a heart-felt note. Hunsburger combined his love for his faith as well as his love for singing in his band that that performed Christian music.



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Groups



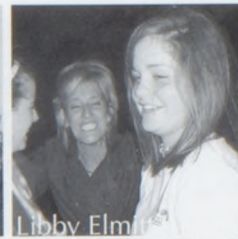
Jordan Berger



Ciera Lundgren & Liz Fuller



Thomas Lashier



Libby Elmitt



Brianna Stone



Nick Hunsberger

Brown Boldens the Bridge

Former Olympian brings students together through faith

"A man finds two cocoons, and notices that one is struggling. The man tries to help the caterpillar break through its shell but ends up killing it. The next day he notices that the other caterpillar is struggling too, however, this time he sat back and watched as the caterpillar broke through its shell and became a beautiful butterfly."

This was a story that former Olympian high jumper Brian Brown told members of the Johnston and Urbandale FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) meeting on Jan. 14. Brown's stories stuck with junior Michelle Ness and affected the way she viewed things long after the night was over. "I would think how could God let these kinds of things happen to people but this helped me realize He knows what He is doing and in reality He is only helping the person to be stronger in the long run," Ness said.

While many students were enjoying a nice day off, others decided to come together and share their faith. Students involved in FCA met in Johnston at The Bridge, a part of the Meredith Drive Reformed Church, with other FCA members from Urbandale. They joined together to listen to Brown speak about his relationship with God.

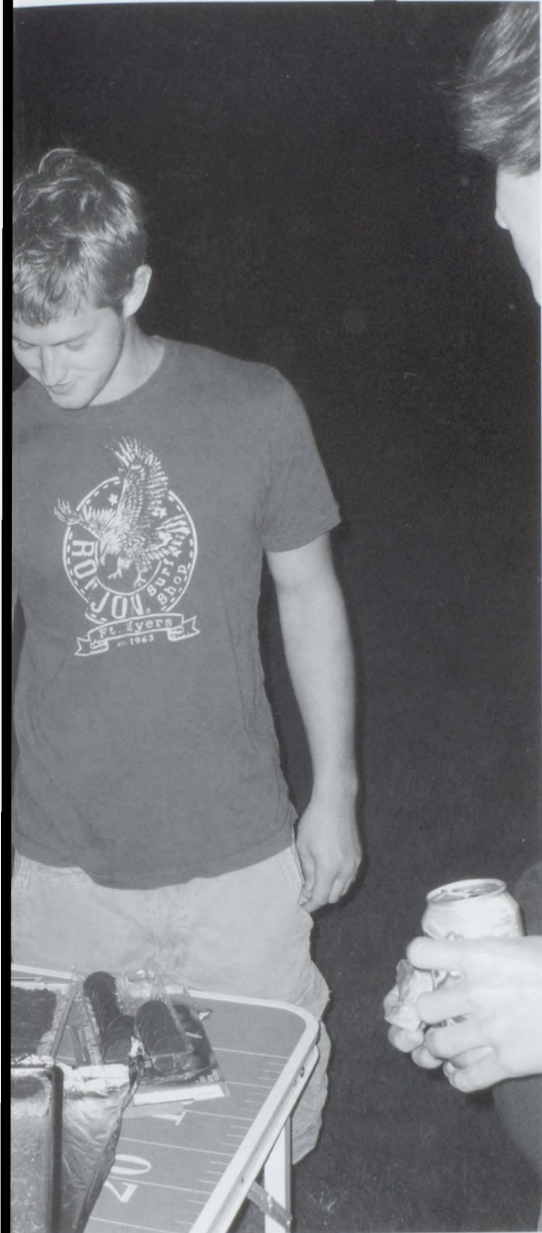
The students were from rival schools but still came together. "First, we played an icebreaking game so we could interact with each other and get to know each other better," sophomore Nate Ostiguy said. The two groups were brought together without the help of a sporting event and instead of cheer-offs, came together in song. "We sang some worship songs and then got to know each other some more," Ostiguy said.

Brown encouraged the students to be strong and show

their faith. "He was really encouraging," sophomore Libby Elmitt said. "He told us that we should really be bold in our faith and stand up for what we believe in and not to clam up. Often times we hide our faith, but even if we lose all of our friends, God will still be there for us." Elmitt continued to show her faith by attending FCA and encouraging others to do the same. "It's a great program," Elmitt said. "You can never lose anything from it, and you can always make friends and enjoy the positive atmosphere."

Brown reached the students by relating Bible verses back to his own life. "Even though I had heard the stories many times, I never had it said to me the way Brian said it," Ness said. "His way of teaching made a lot more sense because I could actually relate to what we was saying. I think that is what made Brian such a good speaker. He read us some Old Testament stories and turned them into things that we could apply to our own lives. He told us that no matter who we are, what we do, or what our reputation is, Jesus still loves us and it is possible to change that all of that in Christ."

The students received a message that stuck with them, and helped strengthen their relationship with God. "God loves all of us, even if we wonder if He even knows who we are," Ostiguy said. "His message stuck with me because I used to doubt God when so many bad things happened in my life, but I now understand that God has a plan for all of us." *Spread by Kristine Hauser and Mindy Dickerson*



At the beginning of a snow storm that resulted in a snow day, junior Hunter Connelly begins to brush the snow off of his truck. This snow storm produced 9.2 inches of snow, causing all of the schools in the metro area to close for the day.



photo by Stephanie Ivankavich

Snowfall *Stalls* School

Harsh winter weather causes increased cancellations

5:17 a.m. Feb. 6, news channels added another school to the list of closings and delays. Johnston's name appeared, scrolling across the screen, showing that schools were closed for the day, making it the first year there were two snow days in one year since the 2001-2002 school year.

With a total of 56.6 inches of snow, this winter almost doubled the average 30 inches of snowfall in Iowa for the year. The large amounts of snow caused difficult driving conditions and caused many schools across the state to shut down. "I feel that (the snow days) were necessary to ensure our safety," senior Rex Davidson said. "We probably could have had others."

The increased number of snow days caused many different reactions throughout the student body. Due to the fact that the senior

class didn't need to make up the snow days, most of the seniors were happy about the extra days off. "Me and my friends always get together to do something crazy," senior Allison Moffitt said. "Last snow day we snowmobiled and went to a movie at night- it was like a little glimpse of summer, except a little cold."

Although the juniors also enjoyed the days off, most of them were not too happy that they had to come back during the summer. "It's kind of annoying," junior Jordan Berger said. "At the end of the year no one will be focused. All we're going to want to do is be out of school."

It did not make things better that one of the snow days occurred on a day that was scheduled to be an early dismissal. For a long time after the snow day, students and teachers still did not know whether or not that day would be made up as a full day or not. "I wouldn't think that making

the half day up as a full day would be fair at all," Berger said. "Most kids would probably feel that it would have been worth it to go to school that half day."

Many of the sophomores had mixed emotions about the snow days. Sophomore Philip Mortens said that although he didn't want to make up the snow days, he and his friends enjoyed the bad weather because they had fun doing doughnuts in new developments, and the slippery roads caused less traction, allowing them to slide more easily.

Moffitt felt that the snow days caused many opportunities to create memories. "(The best part) is the memories you make outside with your friends," Moffitt said. "The snow days give you a chance to forget everything you have to do for school and just have a blast." Spread by Leah Kron.



Winter



photo by Makenna Johnson

Senior Shawn Fagen shovels his front porch on a snow day on Feb. 6. Due to the fact that it snowed continuously for 13 hours, finding a good time to shovel proved to be difficult.



photo by Leah Kron

Attempting to stay warm on a day below zero in January, senior Mike Schultz enjoys a tall hot chocolate at Starbucks. Schultz and several of his friends went to Starbucks every Wednesday. "There's nothing better than a warm cup of hot chocolate to break up the week," Schultz said.

Sitting in the commons, senior King Vu shuffles his cards. Vu always had a deck of cards and was known for performing various card tricks, and often attracted a crowd.

photo by Leah Kron



photo by Cory Gagne

Preparing to embark into the cold weather, senior Jenny Pray digs in her bag to find more layers to keep herself warm. Pray just finished her ensemble rehearsal at The Pointe Academy, where she had danced since she was 10.



photo by Zach Jensen

Members of the state champion volleyball team hold the picture that will be hung in the gym during a recognition ceremony. The ceremony was held for the 1997 state runner-up team and the current state champion team between the varsity basketball games against Dowling on Feb. 1.

“I love to go skiing in Colorado. Sleepy Hollow just doesn't quite cut it.”

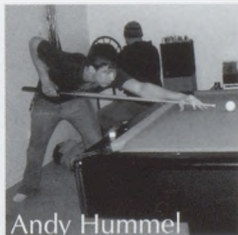


Alex Greig '10

“I hate the bitterly cold weather here in Iowa. The long walks from the parking lot to the school are brutal.”



Kate Nielsen & Taylor Knuth



Andy Hummel



Gary Ross



Jake Marshall



Alyssa Buckley



Jordan Bussanmus



Hockey

photo by Jon Krueger



Fighting for the puck, senior Hunter Beck and Valley sophomore Chad Minard of the Oak Leafs check two Capitals players into the boards. The Oak Leafs finished the season with a third consecutive Midwest High School Hockey League championship.

“I like going places and staying in hotels and being with the team the whole weekend for team bonding.”



Guy Newberry '10

photo by Sammy McConeghey



Junior Marc Thies skates towards the net, hoping to score during the game against Dowling. Thies was one of six players who played on two teams throughout the season, causing conflict and fatigue.

Sophomore Kirby Singleton strives to beat Urbandale junior Anthony Houge to the puck. The two teams rivaled each other to earn the last bracket spot in the playoffs. Johnston fell to Urbandale which caused an abrupt end to its season.



photo by Jon Krueger

“There's too many rules. We can't really do anything, and we get stopped all the time in our games.”

photo by Sammy McConeghey



Receiving the puck, junior Jake Eggers controls it in order to be able to pass at the game against Dowling. The team went on to tie Dowling in the last period with a score of 5-5.



Attempting to save the puck, senior Brady Johnson reaches out and successfully keeps it inside. The Capitals lost to the Oak Leafs all three games throughout the season.



Michael Lunn



Troy Dubay



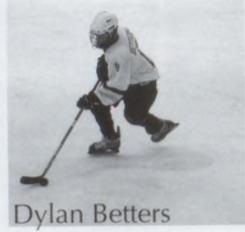
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Colin Hazleton



Derek Temple



Dylan Betters

Aiming to score, Waukee sophomore Kyle Collins attempts to get the puck into the net as senior Shawn Fagen stands by during the Turkey Cup game. "The Capitals are a tough team to beat," Fagen said. "We've always had a big rivalry. With all of our fans in the crowd, it always boosts up the intensity."

Travel *Tires* Team

Playing on two teams causes constant fatigue and lack of focus

It was Saturday morning. Junior Nels Engblom woke up at six a.m. He gathered his hockey gear and got in the car for a three-hour drive to Kansas City. Engblom then played two hockey games and afterwards retreated back to the hotel with his teammates. Sunday morning came, and more games were played, followed by a trip back home. However, the day wasn't over yet; Engblom still had a Johnston game to play after a weekend already packed with games and driving.

Six players from Johnston repeated this ritual nearly every weekend for three months. Juniors Marc Thies, Ben Hjelmaas, Jake Eggers, Eric Walter, and Engblom from Johnston Gold, along with sophomore Ryan Quesnell from Johnston Purple played on the Junior Buccaneers team and the Johnston High School team, which initiated conflict and constant exhaustion throughout the

hockey season.

After a weekend full of games and travel, the boys wanted nothing more than rest when they came back home. However, relaxation was not an option, and the team played another game which was not always their best performance. "There was this one time when we had a 12:00 Kansas City game on Sunday, and then had to rush home for a 5:15 Johnston game," Thies said. "I just remember me going out there in the second period and I had nothing left. I was tired and my legs just didn't want to move."

There were weekends when dual team members would miss a game because of their travel games. "The games (we missed) would have been better and we might have gotten a higher seed in the playoffs," Hjelmaas said. "A higher seed in the playoffs means you play lower seeded teams, making it easier to get to the championship."



Jon Krueger

Thies agreed and said, "Our team suffered a lot of losses. We had five players on the travel team so that means the team (would be) down to seven or eight guys playing." This left the coach with only two or three players to rotate in.

Team playing styles were also different. "I would be used to playing one style of hockey, then would have to transfer to (Johnston); it's definitely not as fast," Quesnell said.

Members of Johnston noticed the effects travel teammates had on their performance. "Both our defense and offense seemed to die when (travel members) were not (at Johnston games)," senior Scott Roesse said.

Johnston Gold coach John Burns appreciated the travel team members. "It's an honor to make a travel team," Burns said. "From a coaching perspective, it's a positive. These players double their time on the ice." *Spread by Sammy McConeghey*



Senior Andy Hummel weaves his legs in a V-shape through the air, attempting a break dance move known as the windmill. "It took a lot of muscle control," Hummel said. "To do something not a lot of people can do was awesome."

Breaking *Hip Hop* Barriers

YouTube video gives seniors edge on mastering street dance style

It would never be expected from two white, suburban teenagers to master the art of break dance in less than two months, but such skeptical thoughts were what first drove seniors Andy Hummel and Gabbi Warrick to do just that. Attempting to prove cynics wrong and change preconceived notions, Hummel took on the task of learning how to break dance by prom, starting a little less than two months before the date. To do so, he received some outside help.

"Andy told me he wanted to be able to break dance by prom and wanted my help," Warrick said. "We learned off YouTube. There's this guy who does a step by step video of how to do a certain move, (called) the windmill."

Hummel considered Warrick's help crucial

to his progression at performing the windmill. "Gabbi was there criticizing me and pushing me to keep doing it," Hummel said. "If it weren't for Gabbi, I probably would have given up."

Even with help, Hummel stressed the importance of dedication. "It's not a try and do kind of thing," Hummel explained. "It's more of a try and fail, until you get just a little bit better." Hummel and Warrick took advantage of their early outs to practice, and Hummel spent some time perfecting the windmill on his own. "I tried to do it every other night, but I got horrible carpet burn," Hummel said.

This isn't the only danger Hummel warned other breakers of. "One time I almost broke my neck," Hummel said. "I did the windmill



as hard as I could, and somehow got airborne and landed on my neck at an angle. All the tendons in my neck vibrated and I was sore for a week."

Behind all the sore limbs, painful positions, and what Hummel considered "strenuous" work, the two friends appreciated the humor in watching each other break dance. "I cracked up if he did something odd-looking," Warrick said. Despite the ridiculousness, the two friends pressed on and hoped Hummel would have the windmill ready for prom.

As for whether or not he would one day use his newly acquired moves to dominate the clubs, Hummel expressed his outlook, "It is a dream, and if I get really good, eventually a goal." *Spread by Cody Zoss and Azra Feriz*



Early Out

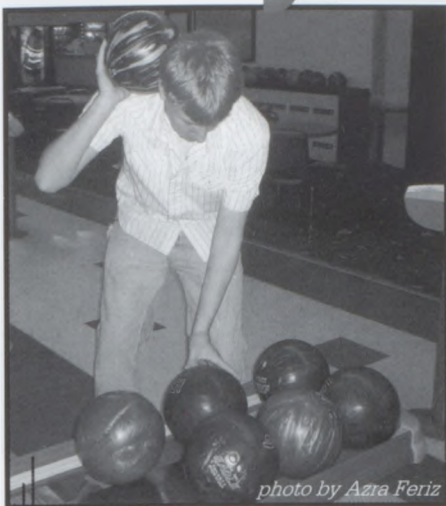


photo by Azra Feriz

Searching for a ball of proper weight, sophomore Chris Oatts prepares himself for the next round of bowling on an early dismissal day. "I was at Guitar Center and (brother) Eric (Oatts) called me up and was like 'Dude, come bowling,'" Oatts explained. "I only bowl a couple times a year, but it was fun."



photo by Cody Zoss

Senior Jordan Handel diligently works on an AP English poetry montage project. "It was kind of a bummer," Handel said. "I liked to have free time on early dismissals."

Receiving help from his friend, senior Pat Ackelson attempts to climb down from senior David Helmer's roof. Ackelson tried to secretly spy on Helmer using the upstairs window and was frightened to jump down.

photo by Makavla Couison



photo by Cody Zoss

Senior Alyssa Buckley makes the best out of her early dismissal by playing Dance Dance Revolution (DDR) with friends. "We thought it would be fun to compete and watch each other fail," Buckley said.



photo by Cody Zoss

Left to right, seniors Alex Stanbrough, Brian Bjerck, Nem Djuric, and Kyle Sievers review recently shot footage of their short film entitled Sweet Sixteen 2. According to Bjerck, early dismissals were the ideal time to shoot. "It was when most people were able to," Bjerck explained. "It was fun, and it kept us from being bored."

"On early outs I usually go disc golfing. I like to because it's relaxing and calms me when I'm stressed out."



"There isn't really a point of going to school on early out; we don't do anything in class anyway."

Chris Emehiser '10



Holly Fumetti



Eric Oatts



Jessica Gedden



Derek Boston



Brooke Watters



Alex Greig



Foreign Exchange Students

photo by Ciera Lundgren

Practicing shape drawing, junior Muhammed Muhammed from Nigeria participates in Jessica Webb's U.S. History class. Students were practicing the common shapes that make up the continent of Asia.

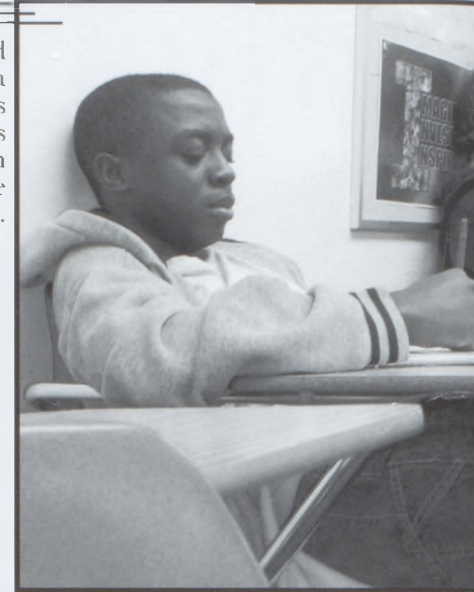


photo by Ciera Lundgren

Finishing chemistry, senior Marina Suarez-Perez calculates her homework in the student commons. "Chemistry with (Chris) Beguhn is a lot of fun," Suarez-Perez said "We do fun experiments."



photo by Ciera Lundgren

Senior Daniel Sutherland dribbles around a Lincoln player at James W. Cownie Soccer Park. Sutherland was part of the varsity boys' soccer team and helped the team win 7-0.

Going for a lay-up, senior Daniel Sutherland makes a basket at one of the Friday night basketball games. Sutherland was a foreign exchange student from Scotland where he learned the basics of basketball.



photo by Zach Jensen



photo by Matthew Courtney

Foreign exchange student and senior Hemra Kakaliyev of Turkmenistan, swims down the lane. Kakaliyev participated in the JV swim meet at the Johnston Invitational held at Summit.

"I really like all of the sport activities and how a lot of people get involved."



Suzy Saradeth '08

"I really don't like the cafeteria food. In Germany students leave at one and go home to eat lunch."



Hemra Kakaliyev



Susan Saradeth



Muhammed Muhammed



Marina Suarez-Perez & Ashley Lenz



Daniel Sutherland



Muhammed Muhammed

Hanging with some friends at the annual SAIL leadership retreat, senior Susan Saradeth from Germany watches while seniors Thomas Lashier and Lauren Lund take a picture during free time. "Suzy has been a lot of fun, and it's fun learning about Germany," Lund said.



Battle *of the* bite

Spain student wins first eating contest in which she participated

Going to a new school can be a scary feeling, but when the new school is in a different continent it can be even scarier. Foreign exchange student senior Marina Suarez-Perez entered Johnston from Spain, feeling lost. "The school seemed so big on the first day, but I eventually got used to the new surroundings," Suarez-Perez said. Suarez-Perez was not used to going into the different classrooms for each subject, eating lunch at the school and the new after-school activities.

One activity Suarez-Perez tried for the first time was the food eating contest intramural. She said food-eating contests are not common in Spain. "I didn't know what I would have to do at the eating contest, but (senior Sam Grasso) said it would be a lot of fun," Suarez-

Perez said.

Suarez-Perez was expecting a big turnout for the intramural, but due to weather there were not as many people as she thought would be there. "I only competed against three other girls," Suarez-Perez said. "Due to rain, I guess a lot of people couldn't come."

In the food eating contest, there were three rounds. The first round consisted of eating a banana, and the person who ate the banana the quickest won the round. Suarez-Perez won that round and was awarded immunity for the second round. "Whoever didn't win the first round had to eat a big doughnut, and whoever ate that the fastest won," Suarez-Perez said.

Senior Natalie Cunningham won the doughnut round and advanced to the final round, along

with Suarez-Perez, to see who would be the female winner. "The doughnut was really good, but it was hard trying to eat it fast," Cunningham said. The final round consisted of eating chocolate pudding with no silverware. Suarez-Perez and Cunningham had to go head-to-head and see who would finish the portion of pudding first and be proclaimed the winner. "I got pudding all over me, from my face to my jeans," Suarez-Perez said.

Suarez-Perez won the final match and became the female food eating champion. "I feel I am really getting to know the American culture a lot better by eating really fast," Suarez-Perez said. *Spread by Ciera Lundgren.*



Injuries



photo by Abby Weaver

During the North game at home, injured players senior Leah Kron and junior Abby Sonner have a leg-lift competition. "The whole time (freshman) Tory Knuth kept telling us that we were dumb. I think we were embarrassing her," Kron said.



photo by Abby Weaver

Resting after testing his paper airplane in AP Statistics, senior Phil Patten gives his knee a break. Patten had surgery on his ACL after injuring it during P.E.

"The only good part is getting to go to physical therapy because it is the only time I get to use my arm, and it is fun to be there."



Veronica Roshek '08

"(The worst part was) not being able to run for six months for a shoulder injury. The littlest things you cannot do are annoying."

Senior Daniel Sutherland plays during the varsity basketball game against Indianola. Sutherland taped his knee in order to prevent any injuries during games.

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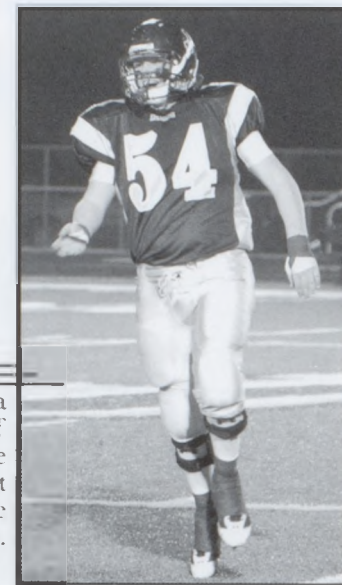
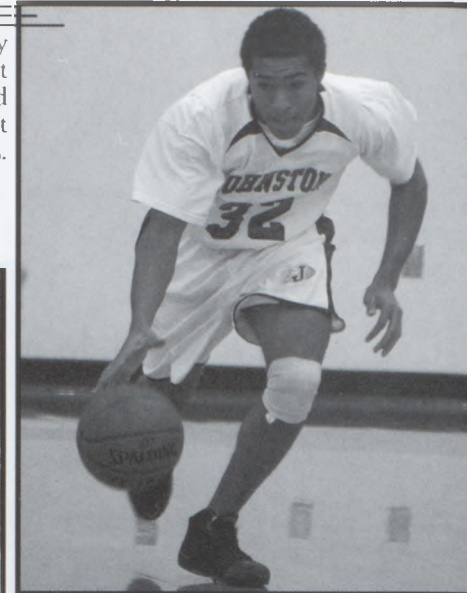


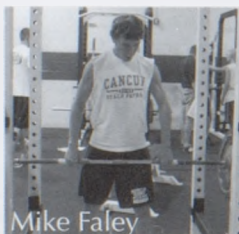
photo by Olivia Schiefelbein

Junior Keaton Schuck runs off the field during a varsity football game. All of the starting linemen wore knee braces due to the high impact during games. The braces are used for injury prevention.



photo by Olivia Schiefelbein

Working on her physical therapy with the school's trainer, junior Abby Sonner executes her stick exercises. Sonner had a surgery to fix her torn labrum early in the winter in order to be healthy to be able to play in the upcoming softball season.



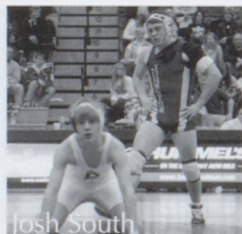
Mike Faley



Jake Highfill



Katelyn Sunde



Josh South



Coby Lindsey



Julia Steggerda



Watching closely, junior Taylor Probst is relieved, momentarily, as her doctor saws off her cast, only to put a new one on minutes later. Probst had a check-up on Feb. 26 to see how her broken wrist was healing.



Provided by Taylor Probst

Roundoff Goes Wrong

Student undergoes six weeks with a pin and plaster

Taking a deep breath in the All-Stars Gym, junior Taylor Probst starts her roundoff. Somewhere between the start and finish, something went wrong. "I did a roundoff that went out of control," Taylor said.

To Taylor it seemed that her loss of control was just a slight wrist tweek. "At first I didn't think anything was wrong," Taylor said. "But then I looked at it and said, 'There's something wrong with my wrist.' I couldn't look at it after that." After realizing that something was very wrong, she was able to stay calm but remembered being very scared.

Taylor was at All-Stars to help her prepare for cheerleading tryouts as they had opened the gym to hopeful squad members. When she realized the extent of her injury, she headed to



the emergency room. "My sister was there so she went to the hospital with me, and the girls there were really helpful," Taylor said.

At the hospital, Taylor's X-rays revealed that a bone in her wrist had broken and shifted next to the other portion. Her wrist had a clean break in her growth plate. "I was excited because the doctor said my growth plate wasn't all the way developed and that I was still going to grow a few more inches," Taylor said.

The doctors put her wrist back into place and into a simple cast with a sling. After a week she went back and found out her wrist had moved back during the first week. The doctors told Taylor and her family she needed surgery if she wanted to have the bone stay set. "They

said (surgery) was a possibility when they set the bone so I was prepared for it," Julie Probst, Taylor's mom said.

After the surgery, Taylor went back for a check-up to have the bandages removed. She then had a permanent cast put on. "The worst was when they took off the plaster and the pin was sticking out," Taylor said. "I felt that if I looked at it too long I would puke. My dad took a picture to show my mom."

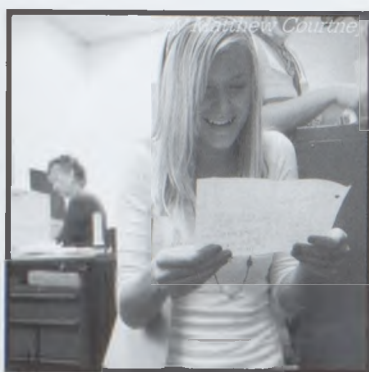
Although breaking her wrist was bad, it wasn't the worst part for Taylor. "I think I felt the most emotional when I realized that cheerleading tryouts were next week and I knew I wouldn't be able to participate in them," she said. To Taylor's surprise, the coaches let her try out with the cast on, and, despite her handicap, she made the squad. *Spread by Olivia Schiefelbein and Abby Weaver*



Spring



Glancing at their third place trophy, senior dance team captains Courtney Coakley and Alyssa Buckley admire the group picture on the trophy. The girls attended the dance team banquet held at the restaurant Christopher's.



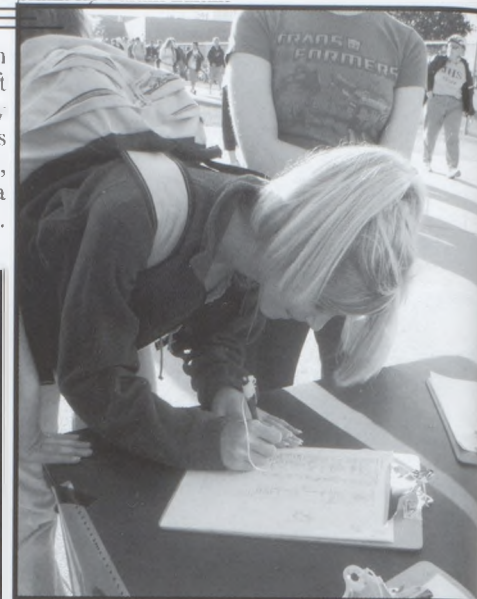
Opening her time capsule in excitement, senior Sammy McConeghey looks at a note from an old friend. "It was really fun to see who my friends were and what I was interested in during 8th grade, then realize how much I've changed," McConeghey said.

Junior Matthew Courtney captures a photo of the yearbooks during sophomore orientation. "Sophomore orientation sucked," Courtney said. The sophomores weren't interested in the yearbook stand, they only wanted the French Club cake," Courtney said.



photo by Bethany Christenson

photo by Caitlin Larkin



Checking in her bike, sophomore Taylor Smith signs her name in the left column. Bike to School Day had several meeting locations to ride to school with a group, including Metro Ice Arena and Hyperion.



Reaching for the Pop Rocks, senior Paige Sanders heads to the checkout line at the candy store in Jordan Creek Mall. Sanders and friends hit the mall after getting out of school early.

“Spring break in Colorado was dandy. I got to go and see my old neighbors.”



Phil Mortens '10

“It was really cold this spring. It should have been warmer, sooner.”



Rachel Spurgin



Torey Robinson



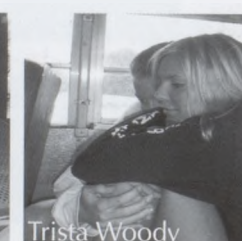
Leslie Shipp



Rachel Binner and Lauren Kacere



Kari Dockum



Trista Woody

Examining her bike on her way to school, senior Katelyn Ingersoll participates in Bike to School Week. Ingersoll faced problems when her bike malfunctioned and was forced to stop.



photo by Caitlin Larkin

Bountiful *Bikes Bring* Bonus

Teachers promote healthier lifestyles through Bike to School Day

As gas prices continued to rise and with extra credit at hand, biking to school became more popular than ever before. Almost 600 students biked to school during Bike to Work Week, doubling the goal of 200 students. "I was hoping for 200 riders," science teacher Kevin Schulte said. "Actually getting about 600 riders did surprise me. I rode my bike to school all five days because it's good for the environment, it saves me money, and it's refreshing. Biking to school was beneficial because it showed that there are outstanding students and staff at Johnston," Schulte said.

Some students continued to bike to school, even when the official Bike to School Week was over. "It shows that many people are thinking about the difference they can make in themselves and the world," Schulte said.

One incentive for students to ride their bikes to school was prizes given out by student council. "We had a ticket system so that the students could check their bikes in and out," sophomore Julia Manning said.

Ticket numbers were to be called out during the day, and those who had tickets that were called won a prize. "We gave Mr. Schulte money from our funds to go and get the prizes, but some of them were also donated from local bike shops," Manning said. "I think that the prizes helped get more students involved in riding their bikes to school."

The physical education teachers also came together to give students a free P.E. make-up as another incentive to ride their bikes to school. "It was a great source of exercise, and a way for students who needed to improve their

grades to get the extra help that they needed," physical education teacher Brian Woodley said. "I thought it was an awesome sight to see: teacher/student camaraderie of school." Woodley thought it promoted a healthier lifestyle, and it was great to see all the bikes come in.

Many members of the staff and student body would like to see Bike to School Day again, and maybe even have it lengthened to a whole week. "I'd like to try and make it a habit for students to ride their bikes to school," Schulte said. "We will do it again. Great events can only take place with great teams; everyone played an important role in the planning and implementation of Bike to School Day. Every person can make a difference, even if it's as small as riding your bike." *Spread by Bethany Christenson and Mindy Dickerson*



Asking a question, junior Christian Haas tries to figure out his shield at the "Picture Corner" at After Prom. Keeping in spirit with the theme of medieval times, students could get their picture taken in garb from the era.

photo by Kristine Hauser

Population *causes new* location

*increase in numbers forces prom
to find a new home*

While students saw prom as being one of their most pleasurable nights, sponsors Pam Brown and Kyla Burns, along with principal Bruce Hukee, saw a plethora of problems. "We realized that Hy-Vee Hall was no longer an option for our prom," Brown said. "Our combined junior and senior class has a higher enrollment than the Hy-Vee Hall could accommodate."

Other than space, the temperature also affected the dance. "Students had complained about it getting too hot in the dance room because it was so crowded," Burns said.

Brown believed it was quite strenuous work to find a new hall. "Finding a location is difficult since spaces that work for larger high schools have already been reserved yearly in advance," Brown said.

Another factor went into play as they preferred to have prom on the same weekend as every other year. "(It's good) as it falls at the end of spring sports, before summer sports, and a week after the Drake Relays," Brown said. "We look at this so that the largest amount of students possible will have the opportunity to attend prom." That scheme worked, as over 650 tickets were sold, well above the average amount.

Although it seemed like Val Air Hall was the perfect solution, there were some complications. The grand march set the tone and feel of prom but was toilsome work as it was set outside in 46 degree weather. Still, the coordinators had no other choice. "It was necessary to have the grand march outside," Brown said.

The grand march only led from 46 degree weather outside to blazing hot temperatures inside. Most people weren't bothered, but others felt that it was a malady. "It got hot at times, especially when I wanted to bust a move," senior Shawn Fagen said.

Prom was more about having fun than anything else. Although there were some obstacles leading to prom, once people actually came in and danced, everybody was carefree. "I had a lot of fun just because it's prom and prom should be fun," sophomore Gabrielle Liljedahl said. After all, that was what all the students really cared about; to stay up until 5 AM with the people they knew and loved. *Spread by Faisal Alabsi and Kristine Hauser.*



photo by Jordin Robinson



Pulling his date closer, senior Nick Ligori and junior Alex Cahan start to dance away from the crowd. The busiest part of the dance floor was a table in the middle of the floor that was covered in dancing students.



Swaying to the slow beat, junior Kelsey Mitchell and sophomore Scott Monroe dance beneath the disco ball at Val Air Ballroom. Many students noted there were more slow songs played than in other years, and that they were often played back to back.

photo by Kristine Hauser



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In his own unique style, junior Alan Nagel river dances for a crowd during prom. Nagel's performance was followed by dancers doing the worm and pulling friends into conga lines.

“I liked the venue and all of the big space. I liked the dancing block in the center even though I didn't get to experience it, and the DJ was pretty good. I just thought the venue was put together really well.” Colby Lindsey '08



“I didn't like waiting the waiting in the lines, there was a really long line at after prom and then when everyone got there it felt kind of smashed.”

Prom

photo by Kristine Hauser



Sophomore Kylie Kinsey joins junior Eric Everette and his date during a slow dance. Kinsey went to the dance with junior Ethan Nutter, but saved this dance for some of her other friends.



photo by Jordin Robinson

Coaxing students into introducing themselves, guidance counselor Curt Larkin cracks jokes for the crowd around the grand march outside the prom. Students promenaded for the crowd before being released to the dance.



Jessica Gambrel & Ryan Fiacco



Joseph Broich



Mat Dickerson



Nick Hunsberger



Tessa Fennimore & Matt Kretsinger



Disco Ball

Graduation



photo by Hannah Emmerson

||| Bowing her head, senior Ariel Landwher receives her white cord from principal Bruce Hukee commemorating her achievement for being in the top three percent of the class. Landwher also wore cords for NHS and student council.



photo by Abby Weaver

||| Waving his hands for emphasis, Jason Jauron gives a speech at senior breakfast. "I hope I managed to motivate them to realize they are the future of this country, they are talented young people, and that I believe in them," Jauron said.

||| Signing the guest book at a graduation party, freshman Claire Nagel tries to think of something clever to write. The guest book was Dr. Suess' *Oh, The Places You'll Go* and guests were invited to choose their favorite page and write a note.



photo by Hannah Emmerson

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Reminiscing over old class photos, seniors Laura Hilby, Leah Kron, and Sammy McConeghey share a laugh. McConeghey had spread out an array of old photos on the dining room table of her grandparents' house for her graduation party.



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||| Looking out into the audience, senior Jenny Pray delivers her speech at the commencement ceremony. The speech consisted of tracking the many memories over the years grade by grade.

“Having graduation on Tuesday was actually kind of nice because it spread the events of picnic, rehearsal, parties and graduation out.”



“At first I was surprised and chalked it up to the Class of 2008 being screwed over once again.”

Torey Robinson '08



Bryan Lippincott



Amie Boeser



Molly Suddeth



Maddie Fiedler
Bryn Start



Mike Traxel



Cory Gagne

Ripping the cap from her head, senior Natalie Cunningham lets out a cheer of excitement as the last student to graduate crossed the stage. "I was sitting on the edge of my seat holding onto my tassel, ready to throw my hat and scream," Cunningham said.

Concerns *For* Commencement

*Seniors Endure A Day of Pomp
and Circumstance*

Senior Veronica Roshek, like all other seniors got out of bed one last time for school on the morning of Tuesday, May 27, 2008. Unfortunately for the seniors, it was the start of a long day. Gathering in the small gym, the seniors donned their caps and gowns in preparation to walk into the large gym and be acknowledged by the underclassmen and their parents one last time before they graduated. As they filed in, announced one-by-one, the seniors found their chairs. Class Day was only the first part of the long day to come. Commencement Ceremony was held later that evening. "I thought it was going to feel like the longest day ever," Roshek said.

Some students weren't exactly excited about a dual-ceremony day. "I didn't think that much pomp and circumstance could be crammed into one day," senior Nicolette Ward said. "The prospect of having to sit and listen to strangers' names being read for that much time in a single day gave way to a pretty impressive torrent of foul language."

Although strange to some seniors, others paid little attention to the difference from previous years. "I didn't think it was weird, until kids from other schools told me it was weird," senior David Zhang said.

There were some concerns with schedule conflicts between families. "My brother and

sister-in-law were not able to come because they had to fly back home for work," said senior Jenna Schissel.

The changes to the ceremony dates were due to timing. "We tried to get graduation as close to the Memorial Day weekend as possible and seniors could not graduate until May 27," principal Bruce Hukee said. "I think there is always a concern with having graduation during the week rather than on a weekend because of travel."

Even though tradition was broken, the ceremonies commenced as usual. "For the first time doing it this way, I thought it worked well." Hukee said. *Spread by Hannah Emmerson.*




photo by Hannah Emmerson

piece of mind

Essentially there were three **pieces** to our academic year- fall, winter and spring. These **pieces** spanned four quarters, two semesters and 180 school days, and not one of them was anything like the other. New classes formed, new trips were planned and executed, but more importantly students excelled like never before. Every class at JHS offered a fresh **piece** of opportunity, whether that be a trip to the zoo or newly enacted dual credit from DMACC. Academics, after all, was the **piece** of our year that led us through our days, quarters and semesters, taking them all in one at a time.





Reading through the information
in the Africa exhibit, junior Alex
Garland gazes at the hippos below.
Garland participated in the Omaha
zoo trip that was offered through
her Advanced Life Science class.

photo by Erin Funk

Advanced Composition

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New curriculum develops with new year

To take AP English, it was strongly advised that a student take Advanced Composition and American Literature to be fully prepared for the course. Up until this year, a singular teacher, Cheryl Berglund, taught the Advanced Composition course. Since her retirement at the end of last year, the course was due for quite a few changes. There was a concern amongst the English department that certain courses were a repetition of others, which made it time to reevaluate the Advanced Composition curriculum. The two new teachers that were to teach the course, Ed Walker and Mark Schillerstrom, consulted with other teachers in the English department, Melissa White and Sarah Wessling, to redesign the course.

Senior Chris Cline had Advanced Composition with Berglund the last year she taught the class. "They went a whole lot deeper into the grammar than other classes." "Kids who are looking to get better at writing should take it," Cline said.

Senior Jenny Pray also had Advanced Composition with Berglund as a junior in preparation for taking AP English her senior year. "I didn't really like the class," Pray said. "But the papers were straightforward, so it wasn't really challenging." Even though Pray didn't enjoy the class as much as she thought she would, she liked the writing aspect.

Schillerstrom commandeered the second semester of Advanced Composition. "Advanced Comp. serves two audiences- students preparing for AP English and college" Schillerstrom said.

Junior Amra Beganovic was of the first to experience the new curriculum during the first semester. "We were the guinea pig class," Beganovic said. "I though it was useful that they focused on persuasion, but I would have liked it better if they covered more diverse styles, like creative writing."

All in all, the teachers hoped the course would offer students new insights. "I hope that all my students got something useful out of the class, even those who were disappointed in the changes the department made," Walker said. *Spread by Zach Jensen and Hannah Emmerson.*



teration

Writing on her Korean War timeline, junior Tara McCulley works in the hallway during first period U.S. History. The class had to pick ten different dates and put them on a timeline, then write a paragraph about each.

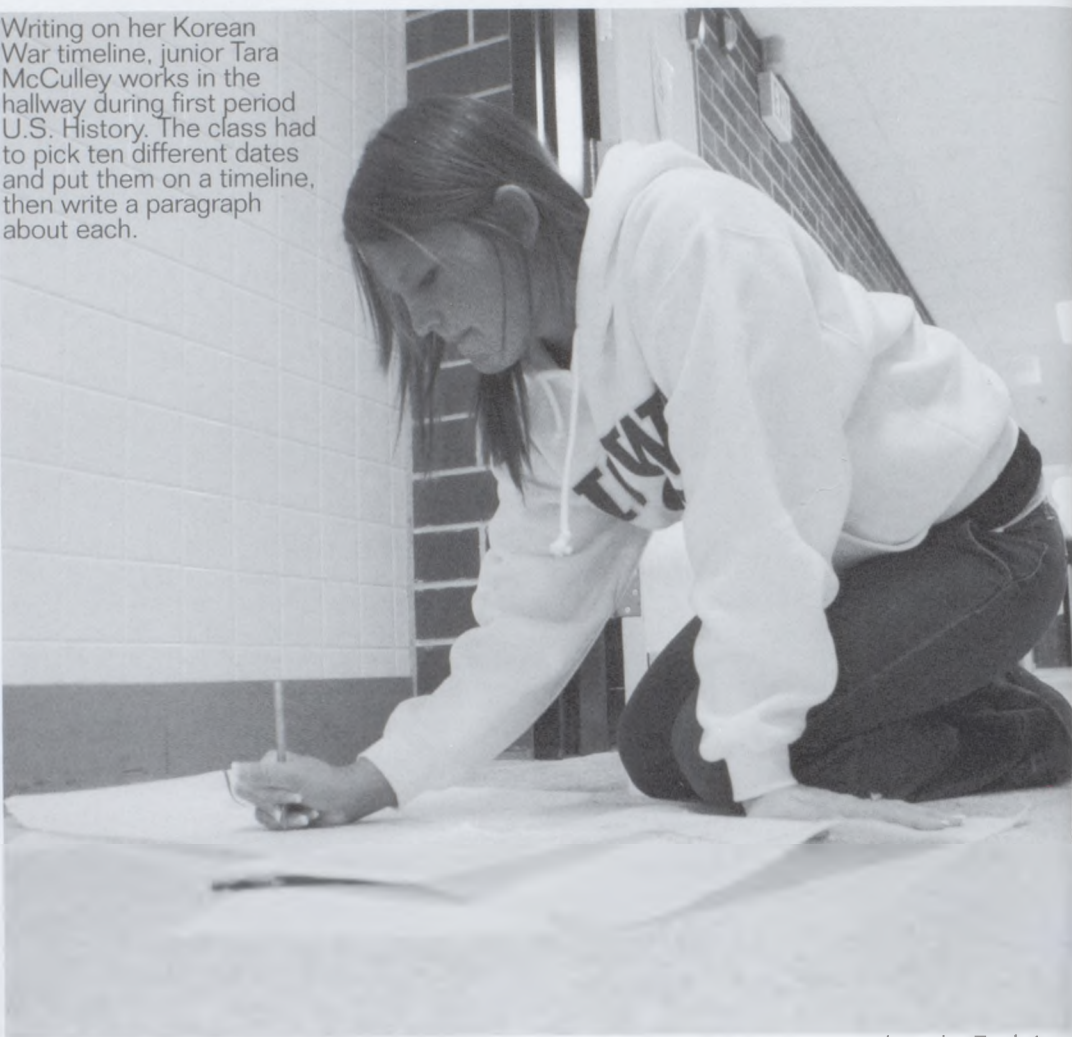
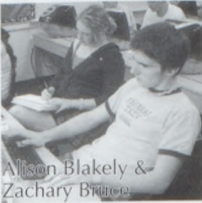


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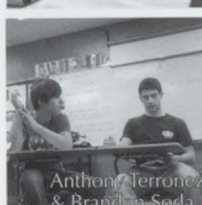
Reanna Nool



Bryce Johnson



Alex Jacobson



Anthony Terronez & Brandon Soda



Drew Wilson & Jon Krueger



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During U.S. History, juniors Jake Rosentengle and Bogdon Gilmuddinov ask teacher Jessica Webb for advice while writing World War I essays. Students looked at the question the night before and had one class period to finish.

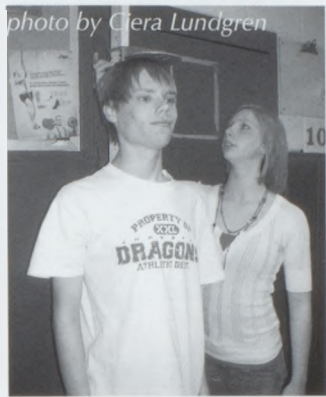


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Senior Erik Anderson gets his measurement taken by junior Kaeleigh Gebard in track one P.E. "My favorite thing in P.E. was doing meditation where we just get to lay there and work on sleeping," Gebard said.

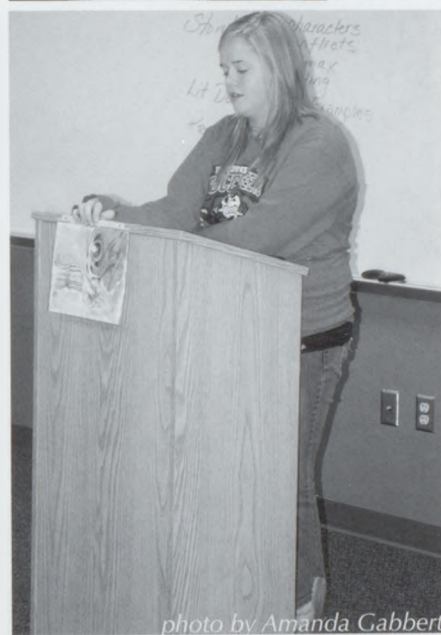


photo by Amanda Gabbert

Junior Molly Mellinger presents her independent novel project for Contemporary Literature. Students had a majority of the semester to finish. Since she liked to draw, Mellinger used a drawing as her visual aid for the project.



Classes to become:
an English teacher

AP English
World Literature
American Literature

"I wanted to become an English teacher because I loved to read and write and teach kids, and the thought of doing it for a living seemed like a perfect match."
Melissa White

Jake Heil '09

Contemporary Lit.



photo by Zach Jensen

Shawn Fagen '08

P.E.



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P.E.

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Drew Wilson '09



Speech

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Justin Handel '10

Kelsey Fiala '10



Design

Azra Beganovic '09
and Torey Robinson '08



Marketing

photo by Hannah Emmerson

Sitting in video production, sophomore Ciara Schaben watches her classmate present a project. When it was her turn to present, Schaben presented "Linemen Wing Night" which was a segment about the linemen going to Buffalo Wild Wings every Tuesday to eat wings and have a good time.

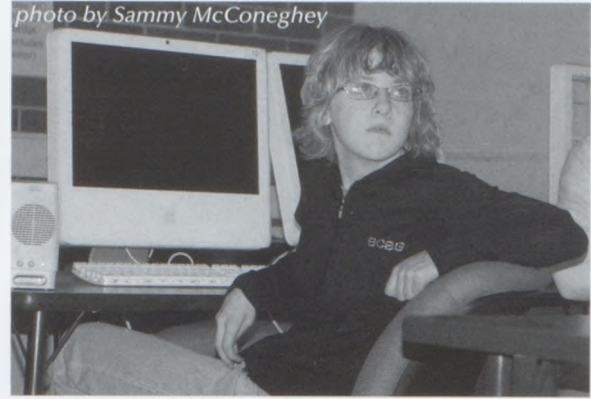


photo by Sammy McConeghey

Looking at her vocabulary sheet, sophomore Christina Andeweg tries to find Spanish phrases that match the photos she selected for the timeline of her life. "When I was looking at picture albums I found pictures I forgot about, and it was cool seeing them," Andeweg said.

photo by Amanda Gabbert



Clay

photo by Zach Jensen

Cody Gordon '08



Accounting II

photo by Makayla Coulson

Rodney Wiebers and
Hannah Clarkson '08

Sophomore Jordan Costello works on his salsa bowl during clay. Costello had signed up for the class hoping to get an easy credit, but was disappointed when he found out he had to learn vocabulary.



photo by Zach Jensen



Text Evans



Clayton Thomas



Adam Wilkins



Zach Bruce



Alfred Norte



Briana Partridge



Nick Davis

Classes to become:
owner of a tattoo shop



“I think drawing is a lot of fun, and I want to have that be part of my career. That's why I want to own my own tattoo shop.”
Krysten Pierce '09

Student's Design Creates *Business Logo*

Class' design project source for emblem

After eight years of owning his small construction company, Troy Ohnemus thought it was time for a change. With that change went the company name and logo; originally known as Custom Structures, the company was renamed Ohnemus Construction Inc. Ohnemus wanted an eye-catching logo that would represent his newly transformed company, and he knew just where he could find one.

"My wife, (family consumer science teacher) Amy Ohnemus, brought up the idea of talking to (computer teacher) Tim Brickley about the class creating a logo design to fit into a lesson," Ohnemus said. "I thought this project would provide a lot of good ideas from a newer generation." Brickley approved of the project and gave the task to his three Advanced Computer Applications classes to create the company's new logo.

The classes were told that they had to incorporate the company's name into the logo and that it had to look like it was for a construction company. "I wanted something that provided information to the perspective target client," Ohnemus said. "I also needed a design that grabbed attention."

Out of the three classes, Brickley chose a few that he sent to Ohnemus to choose a winner. "I was surprised when I heard that mine was one of the ones picked," said sophomore Evan Lundstrom-Yurdin. "I was pleased because I hadn't seen myself as a good graphic designer, and their initial approval disproved my negative view of my artistic skills."

"I chose the winning logo because it really caught my eye," Ohnemus said. "The colors were good and the font was what I was looking for."

The winning logo was designed by sophomore Megan Parker. "I didn't think they would choose mine because it was so simple," Parker said. "I saw some of the logos the other students designed and they seemed much better."

Parker's logo was used to promote the business around the Des Moines area. It was printed on the company's job trailer, business cards, T-shirts, and apparel.

"It obviously feels cool that people on a daily basis are seeing something I designed for a professional company," Parker said. *Spread by Amanda Gabbert and Jon Krueger*



photo by Amanda Gabbert

Sophomore Megan Parker stands in front of a newly designed Ohnemus Construction Inc. trailer. Parker redesigned the company's logo for a project in advanced computer applications.

Aldina Sabic '10

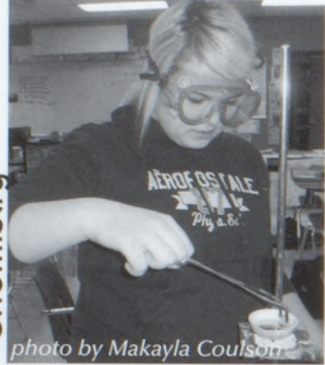


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Chemistry

Derek Wright '08 and Maria Taylor '09

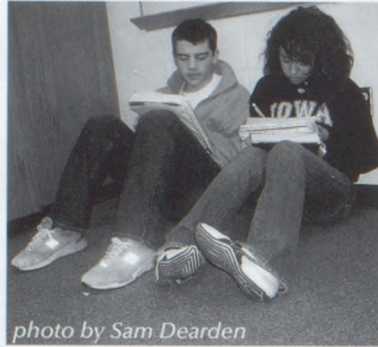


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Algebra II

While reviewing for his semester test, junior Tyler Smith inputs data to create a cubic regression equation in Algebra II. For students like Smith, this year was the first year that students had to take Trigonometry to advance on in their math career.

photo by Makayla Coulson



Calculating the area of the circle in her assignment, sophomore Ella Heinicke closely follows along in Geometry. "Geometry isn't the funnest thing," Heinicke said. "There's too many equations to memorize and lots of homework."



photo by Ryan Birmingham



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Geometry

Tyler Knepper '10



photo by Megan Kellogg

Biology

Sarah Johnson '10

During her AP Statistics class, senior Laura Hilby plots a graph on her graphing calculator. Hilby enjoyed the company of her AP Stat classmates, such as seniors Katherine Burggraaf and Daniel Chapman. "It's not very often you get so many of your close friends in one class," Hilby said.

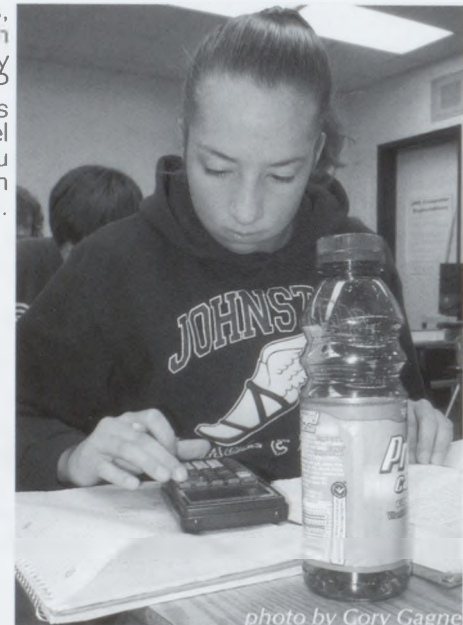


photo by Cory Gagne



Kyla Burns & Joey Lyons



Libby Elmitt & Kristina Nixon



Linda Brown



Kevin Shi



Alex Battani



Hanifa Dabdoub & Sam Sellers



Olivia Schiefelbein



Classes to become:
a veterinarian

“ Ever since I was a little girl and got my first puppy, I've wanted to be a vet. I spent a summer working at a vet clinic, experiencing my future career. ”

Brooke Walters '09

Zoo Trip Offers Opportunities

Students go behind the scenes in Omaha

Starting a new class was often reported as being difficult, but acquiring students interested in taking the class was also challenging. In the case of Kyla Burns' Advanced Life Science class, many students were attracted to the course because of the promise of a visit to the zoo.

Talk arose about going to the Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines, however, going to the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Nebraska was a better fit for the class because it gave them a chance to see things they wouldn't have had the chance to if they had stayed in Iowa. "I know someone who works (at the Omaha Zoo), who gave us behind-the-scenes of the aquarium for free," Burns said. "The Blank Park Zoo doesn't offer the behind-the-scenes tour; if we wanted to do that, it would of been \$100 per person. We got in for free at the Omaha Zoo; it was a better (choice)."

Upon arriving at the zoo, the two classes were split into groups of seven and the students got to choose what they wanted to experience at the zoo. "(My group) got to hand feed cuttle fish, we got really close to the monkeys in their cages, we were right above the shark tanks we saw these huge jellyfish, and (got the chance to be) right in front of the sea turtles," Burns said.

One downfall going to the zoo in Nebraska instead of Des Moines was the transportation. "It was hard to organize; there were no school buses they would let us use for the full day so we had to rent a charter bus. It was \$13 more (for each person); I didn't like that but it was our only option," Burns said.

Students felt that the extra money for the charter bus was money well spent. "The charter bus wasn't that bad," junior Kandace Robar said. "The seats were comfortable unlike the regular buses, plus the charter buses were able to fit everyone on there without being squished together. My favorite part was the TV's they had on the bus; we watched movies like *Finding Nemo* and *Transformers*."

Overall, the trip was an experience that the class would never forget. "It was really cool to go behind the scenes and see how (the zoo staff) took care of the animal if it became sick and to see it (acting) in captivity," junior Alex Garland said. *Spread by Sam Dearden and Makayla Coulson*



photo by Erin Funk

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While climbing the stone lions at the Omaha Zoo, juniors J. T. Minor, Art Sehic, and Aaron Meyer joke around in the first ever Advanced Life Science class field trip. "I'd always wanted to ride a lion and everyone else copied me," Minor said.

Girl Welder Takes Risk

Using grinder first time starts fire

At the start of fourth period welding class, senior Becky Cooper decided to use the larger grinder for the first time as she tried to finish an arc welding project. "I had decided to use the larger grinder because it goes much faster, and grinding is not a fun activity," Cooper said. "So the less you have to do it the better."

As Cooper was grinding, sparks were shooting in a way she was not used to. "The sparks shot out differently from the small grinders, and I just couldn't get used to it no matter how many times I adjusted how I was doing it," Cooper said. Soon, the sparks hit Cooper's shirt on her right side, below her ribcage, causing her shirt to get too hot and catch on fire.

"It's a really scary feeling—looking down and you're on fire for the first time," Cooper said. Cooper set the grinder down and tried to put the fire out herself. Industrial Tech. teacher Mitch Eagles ran over to Cooper and started patting down the fire.

The situation then got worse, the fire spread to Cooper's sweatshirt underneath her welding shirt. Cooper and Eagles quickly tore off the welding shirt and the sweatshirt that were on fire. "Luckily, my t-shirt under my sweatshirt didn't catch on fire because that's really what saved me from getting severely injured," Cooper said.

When the fire was out, Cooper was escorted to the nurse's office by senior Gus Lovett. "When someone is in trouble you should always do what you can to help," Lovett said. "At least that's what my mom taught me."

Cooper was burned below her right ribcage and burned the tips of her hair. "I thought I was going to have to cut a lot of hair off but I didn't have any products in my hair, so it didn't burn my hair away," Cooper said.

The welding shirt Cooper was wearing had a big hole in it and her sweatshirt was gone on the right side. The sweatshirt remained in Eagles' classroom, where he could show students what would happen if someone catches on fire.

Cooper was the only girl in her welding class, and she claimed that was not the reason why she caught on fire. "I just happened to be the one that it happened to," Cooper said. "I wasn't going to let catching on fire bother me too much; I'm a tough girl." *Spread by Ciera Lundgren and Mindy Dickerson.*



Senior Becky Cooper receives assistance from welding instructor Mitch Eagles. Despite a mishap in the class, Cooper still aspired to enter the industrial technologies as a career.



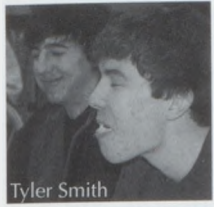
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Tyler Smith



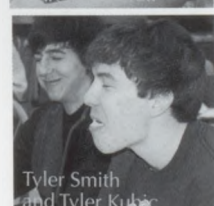
Kristen Van Pelt



Mitch Eagles



Andrew



Tyler Smith and Tyler Kubic



photo by Mindy Dickerson

Pausing midsentence, junior Kelsey Bowen stops her reading to listen to the surrounding noise of the ELP classroom. "It was cool to decide what I wanted to learn and work on," Bowen said.



Classes to become: Industrial Tech. teacher
Industrial Art classes
General Ed.
Shop classes

"I started in TSA when I was in eighth grade. I liked it because it was more hands-on and would help prepare me for college."
Renee Pike '08



photo by Mindy Dickerson

Welding away at scrap metal, senior Dominique Jones works on his welding skills. Jones was in fourth period Welding.



photo by Mindy Dickerson

Dishing some cavatini onto his plate, sophomore Derek Shaver tries some of everything available. Amy Ohnemus' family and consumer science class ate the food that they had prepared as a reward.

Christian Schoper '08



ELP

photo by Mindy Dickerson

Sarah Hurm '10



FCS

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Welding

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Chris Bracelin '09



Welding

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Alex Prager '10

Meredith Freese '10



photo by Olivia Schiefelbein

Shawn Fagen '08



photo by Cory Gagne

P.E. Track 2

P.E. Track 4



photo by Olivia Schiefelbein

Jake Wood '10

Perfecting his aim, sophomore Austin Clemens prepares to release the arrow from the bow in Dave Beason's P.E. class. Students participated in archery for three weeks.



photo by Ciera Lundgren

Sophomore Andrea Iler partakes in a game of "Around the World" in Audrey Bell's world studies class. Students played this game as a review for upcoming tests.



photo by Olivia Schiefelbein



photo by Cory Gagne

Lauren Lund '08 and Katherine Burggraaf '08

Staring down the range, junior Nate McGinley gets ready to release the arrow from the bow. "Archery is a lot of fun because you get to shoot stuff," McGinley said.



photo by Ciera Lundgren

“At about the beginning of my freshman year I knew I wanted to go into something involving the art of writing. To do this I knew I had to perfect my writing so I decided to take specific English courses, taught by instructors who knew the craft well.”
Brittany Deal '09

Classes to become:
an author and publisher

- Sophomore English
- American Literature
- Advanced Composition
- AP English
- Creative Writing



Fair Helps Students Volunteer

Teachers find ways to make SLP easier

As students entered the small gym for government, tables lined the gymnasium with different organizations from the Des Moines area. The organizations were invited by the government teachers to help the seniors find places to invest their 20 hours of volunteer time needed to complete the required government Service Learning Project. "When I walked in (the small gym) I didn't realize how many organizations would be at the school," senior Rachel Binner said. "I headed to the political campaigns tables and other organizations like the Science Center to see how each place was different."

This was the first year for the volunteer fair. Government teacher Ben Knight said the teachers wanted to help the students get more involved in choosing an organization. "We felt it was a good idea for students to talk to the organizations one-on-one and get the contact information in person," Knight said. "In past years students seemed to have trouble contacting the different organizations and the students wouldn't know what the volunteer requirements were at each organization."

Senior Lindsey Tosch felt the volunteer fair was very helpful. "When the project was first mentioned, I didn't know where I wanted to donate my time," Tosch said. "I liked how there were a lot of different organizations, and I could get insights on what each organization expected from its volunteers."

While some students thought the volunteer fair was beneficial, others did not enjoy it as much. "I already knew where I wanted to volunteer at so I didn't want to go the volunteer fair," senior Liz Fuller said. "The students who already knew what they were doing should have had the choice to go or not."

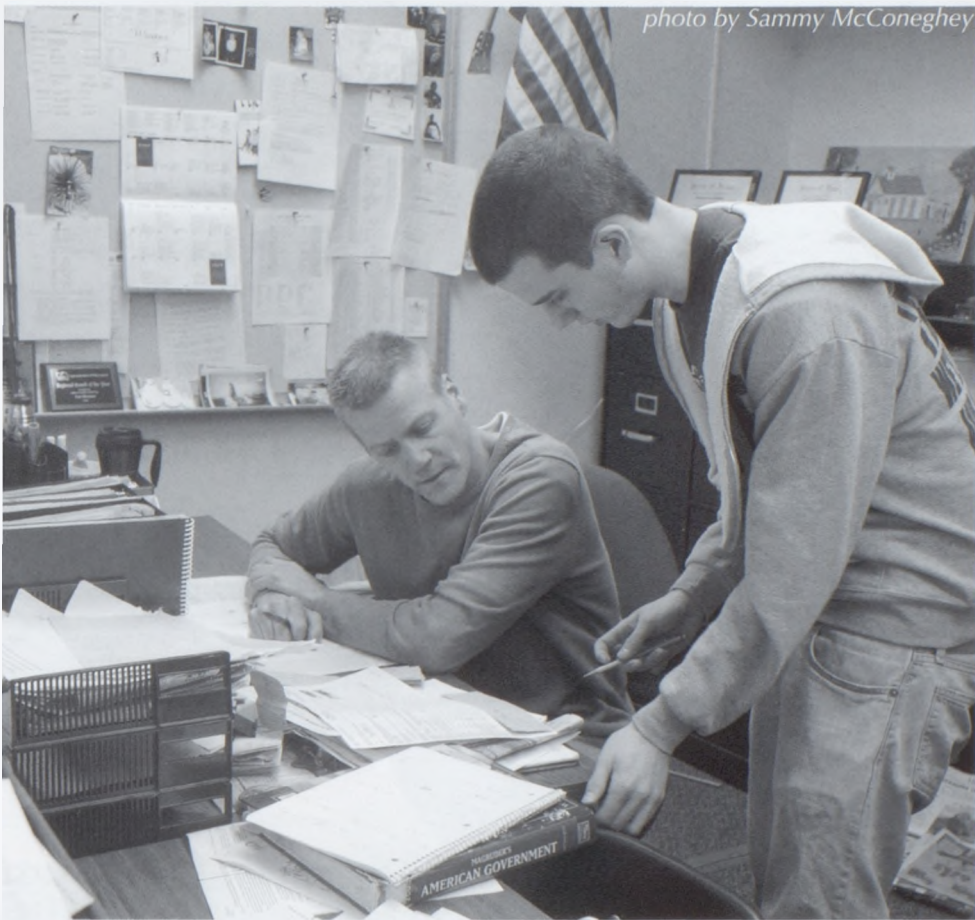
Some students who went to the volunteer fair enjoyed the fact that they could go up to the different organizations in person and talk to them about volunteering. "Even though I did not pick an organization that was at the volunteer fair, it did help me get in the process of thinking where I wanted to donate my time," Binner said. Binner ended up helping out coaching the junior mock trial teams. *Spread by Ciera Lundgren*



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Asking last minute questions before the final, senior Nathan Breen receives help from government teacher Pat Hennes about the election process. "The presidential election generated a lot of discussion and helped lead to a record participation of young Iowans in the caucuses," Hennes said.

photo by Sammy McConeghey



Madison Thompson '10

photo by Azra Feriz



Spanish III

Brittany Long '09

photo by Megan Kellogg



Essentials of Art

Senior Cody Gordon and sophomore Jordan Costello explore different aspects of clay in a clay class. A professional potter came to demonstrate techniques of how to mold.



photo by Leah Kron



Cody Gordon



Jordan Costello

photo by Makayla Coulson



Accounting I

Venisa Kolubdzic '09



Computer Applications

Jenner White '08

photo by Leah Kron

Talking with Norah Olguin, sophomore Sandi Burnic gets help with his Spanish worksheet. The students had to listen to a tape player speaking in Spanish and write down what each phrase meant in English.

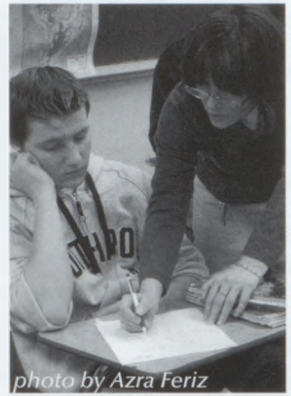


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Norah Olguin



Sandi Burnic

Sophomore Emily Kane decides to use her imagination and create the Beach Party Bar and Grill for her project in Computer Applications. "I thought it was stressful and fun, but I wasn't very good at it," Kane said.

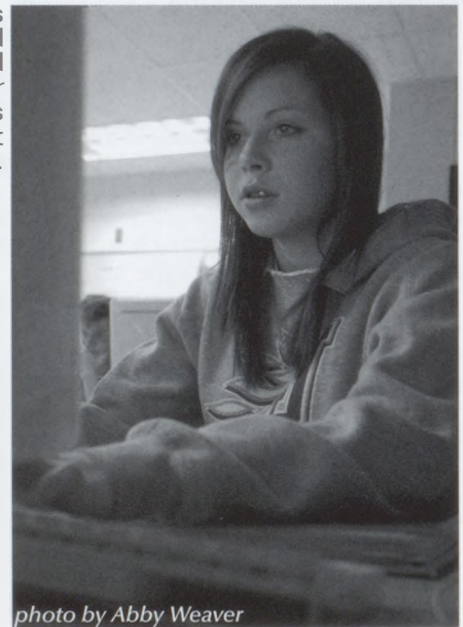


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Shaun Miller



Blake Hartsook



Leah Belknap



Classes to become:
2nd grade teacher

- Math Classes
- Science Classes
- Sociology

“I love working with younger kids because they make me happy, and I feel like I can relate to them in different ways.”

Kendra Greenfield '10

Bibler Trilli Becomes Trilli

Junior Excels in Two Languages

As junior Heidi Bibler scratched down doodles on paper and listened intently to her Spanish teacher explain verb conjugations, she made a discovery. These conjugations started to look familiar in her eyes. The four years of French knowledge she had acquired made it easier for her to understand this new language. With the encouragement of her older sister and 2005 graduate, Emily, Heidi was doing something rare and challenging by taking two foreign languages at once.

Emily also took French and Spanish while she was in high school. "Doing this was helpful because I have had so many opportunities, and I really recommend it (which) is why I recommended Heidi to do it," Emily said.

Heidi listened to her sister's advice. She started French I in eighth grade and advanced to French IV by her junior year. In the first semester of her junior year, Heidi decided to start Spanish I. Halfway through first quarter her Spanish teacher, Angela Koob, moved her to Spanish II. "Spanish I was not challenging her enough, and her French background allowed her to pick up the language quickly," Koob said. "She is a model student and she comes in excited to learn."

Despite speculation on the rigor of studying two languages at once, Heidi found the two languages surprisingly similar. "The verb to accept, in Spanish is 'acceptar' and in French it is 'accepter,'" she said. "Also conjugation and grammatical (things) are similar."

To keep up with both languages Heidi would go home and study instead of watching television or sitting around. "I split my time and focus on the important things, but I try to get it all done and do my best," she said.

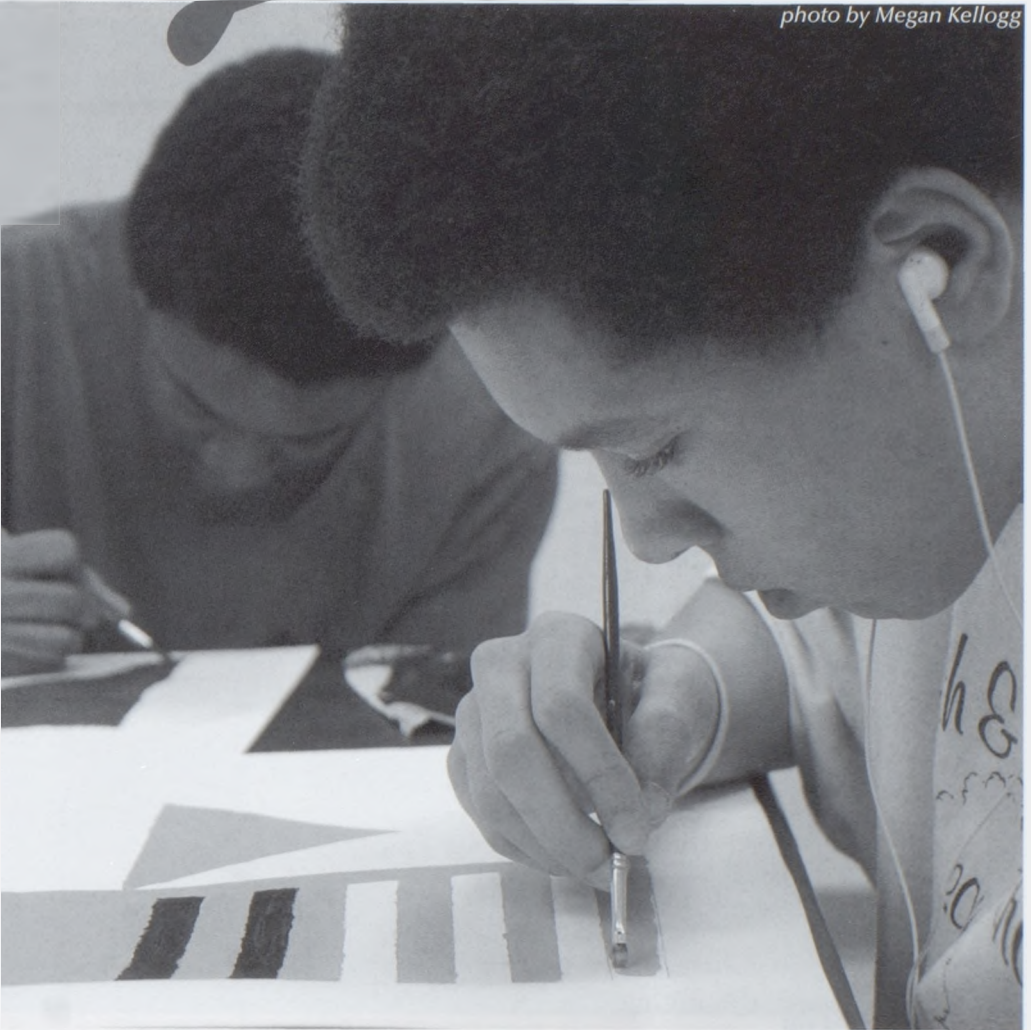
To get more practice Heidi would talk to older sister Emily on the phone. Emily, a junior at Iowa State, made time to practice with her sister when she could. "Sometimes when I am home we talk in French so our parents don't understand," Emily said. "We do this to mess around. It's just a fun joke."

Even those who knew Heidi found her bilingual class load to be shocking. "My friends think I'm crazy and my mom thinks it's amazing that I can survive them at the same time, but she isn't shocked because my sister went through the same thing," she said. *Spread by Azra Feriz and Steven Williams*

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Sophomore Brandon Neeley draws abstract designs in his Essentials of Art class. After being assigned to draw different shapes and make them their own, Neeley got to work and painted out his ideas on paper.

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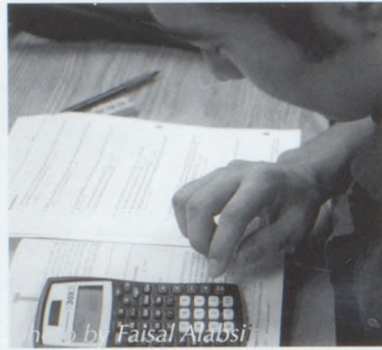
Andrew Verhasselt '10
Isaac Shryock '10



Biology

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Hemra Kakaliyev '08



Consumer Business Math



Chemistry

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Zac Stevens '09

Junior Zach Buckley and freshman Kevin Han try to get a handle on their bunsen burner in Kevin Schulte's chemistry class. Han came over to the high school fifth period so he could take the class.

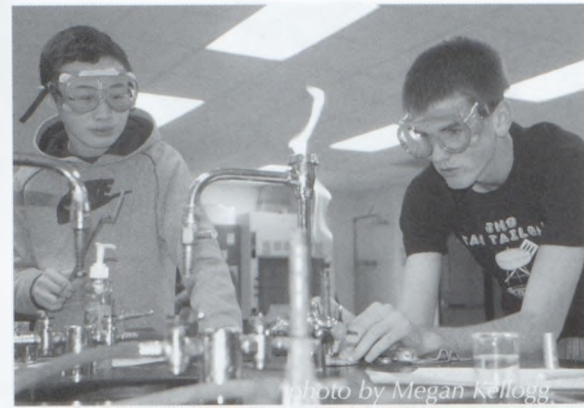


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Deidre Spray sits in the front of Danielle Pippert's Advanced Algebra II class. This was the first time the class had been offered to students who wanted to be on track towards college level classes.

photo by Abby Weaver



Geometry

photo by Jon Krueger
Sherri Chyi '10



Classes to become:
a pharmacist

Biology
Chemistry
Anatomy

“ I want to be a pharmacist because I have always been interested in science, and I'm too squimish to be a doctor. ”
Amber Morales '09



photo by Hannah Emmerson

Making sure to get the accurate amount, junior John Hall measures the value of liquid he's putting in the graduated cylinder during his AP Chemistry class equilibrium lab. "The labs are always the fun part," Hall said, "We do a lot cooler stuff than general chemistry."



Courtney Sabu & Olivia Diehl



Megan Kellogg



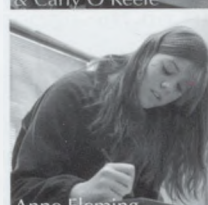
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Anne Fleming



Tim Clay

Beyond the Overhead

New Computers Help Students Visualize Concepts Better

Walking into a math class in that first week of school, students seemed to be in awe of the new technology in the classes. Technology director Dave McGill spent much time over the summer working on and installing these new class helpers. "I was in class, and I saw Mrs. Borich writing on her computer and I was surprised," junior Abi Bisenius said. "I didn't know they had the technology out to be able to do that. Everyone in the class was astonished."

The previous year Dave McGill talked with math teacher Rick Brooks about using new computers called PC Tablets. Brooks had seen these computers used at a professional conference he had attended. So McGill got a PC Tablet for Brooks to use on a trial basis. All this led to Johnston High School purchasing the tablets for the math department for the 2007-2008 school year.

The first time Brooks used the computers was as a trial. "I thought students enjoyed them as much as I did at first," Brooks said. "It was something different, and it allowed me to better incorporate all of the digital tools we have."

Math teacher Danielle Pippert previously used an overhead and transparencies to teach math. "I really like using the computer compared to overheads because the computers give a much clearer picture than the overhead," Pippert said. "There are also more color choices available on our computers, which makes the presentation of the material easier for students to follow."

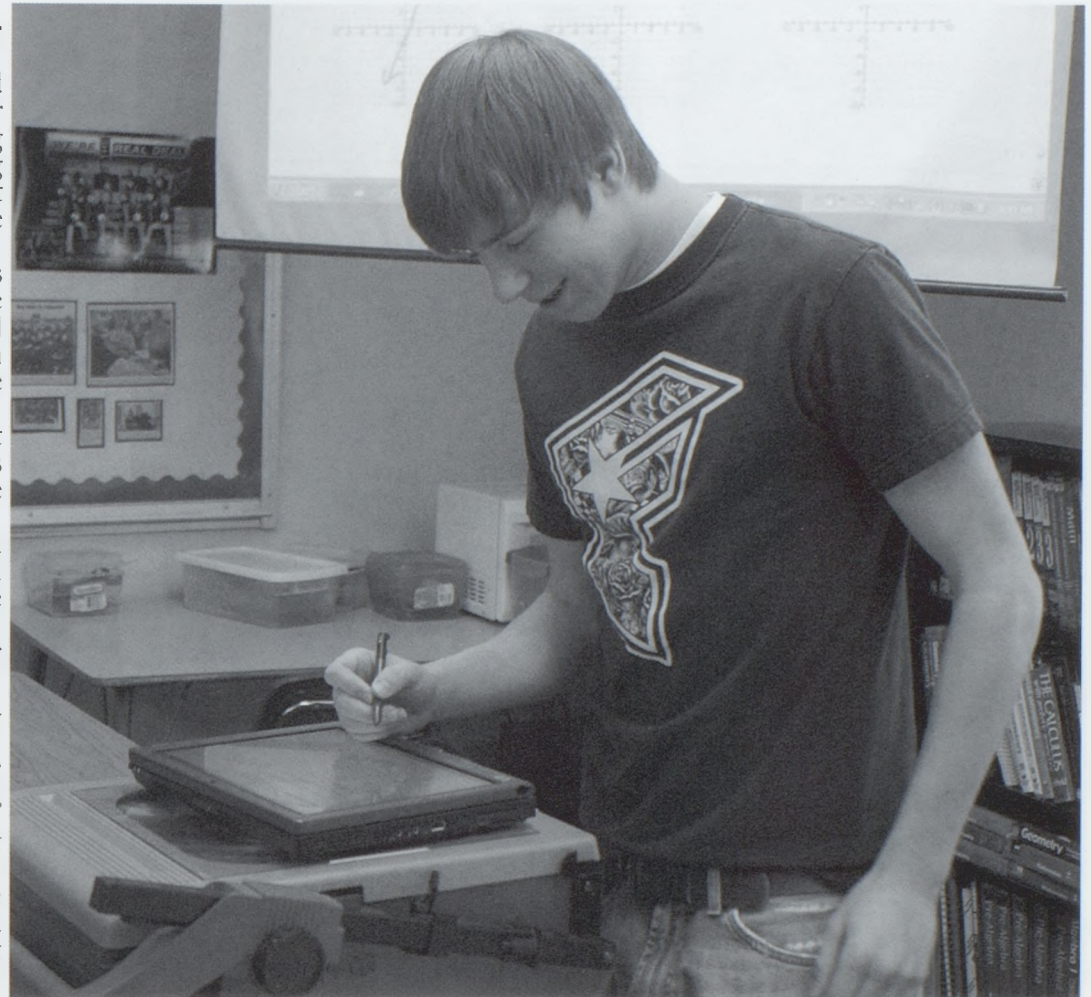
The software that the math department used could only be run on a PC platform, not the Macs that most teachers used. In the high school 10 percent of the computers were PC's. "The reason we got these PC's was because Apple didn't make this brand and this system hooked with projectors and all of the applications worked with these computers," McGill said. "It saved the district money by purchasing one device that worked for all the programs than purchasing multiple devices."

Sophomore Courtney Sabus enjoyed the new applications. "I like the fact that you can see a large image of a calculator on the screen instead of a teacher just telling you to push some buttons," Sabus said. "You get what you're doing more, and it makes sense."

Overall, the student body felt that the new computers enhanced and helped teach math in a more efficient manner. "I think it is one piece of the puzzle, but we still need to find ways to help students understand and be engaged in their own learning," Brooks said. "Gadgets are great, but ultimately, the learner has to decide they are in control of their learning."

Spread by Zach Jensen and Jon Krueger

Sophomore Blake Skartvedt writes on math teacher Julie Probst's computer. The new technology allowed students and teachers to write on the computer and have it projected on a screen.



Culinary Arts II

Cody Lenz '09



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Rachel Chapman '10

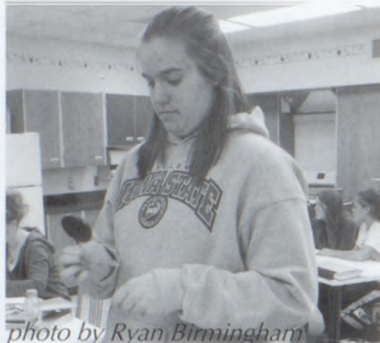


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Culinary Arts I

Rolling out a piece of dough, sophomore Megan Parker prepares a pie crust in her fourth hour Culinary Arts II class. Culinary Arts III was added the previous year and was available to students for the first time.



photo by Ryan Birmingham

During his Small Engines class, junior Mike Faley works on his homework due for the day. "My dad's really clumsy, so I took the class so I could fix all his stuff," Faley said. Students who took the class learned the components of engines and their mechanics.



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ELP



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Eric Everett '09



photo by Cory Gagne

Chris Harney '09

Graphic Communications



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Senior Phap Lam and junior Huzzaifa Mohammad study the board as they play chess in Sue Cline's fourth hour ELP class. Chess club was sponsored by Cline, and had recently been added to the long list of after-school activities.

“I want to own my own shop, a chop shop. I want to be successful and make bank. Plus, I love cars; they're just fast. I wanna go fast.”

Kyle Lloyd '08

Classes to become:
an auto mechanic

Industrial Tech.
Small Engines I
Small Engines II



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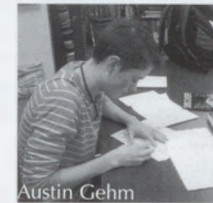
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Familial Milestone Fuels **Crea**

Anniversary Provides Project Opportunity

In a class where students could create their own curriculum, the possibilities were endless. ELP teacher Sue Cline expected original project ideas from her students. "People surprise me," Cline said. "More often than you'd think."

Such was the case with sophomore Catherine Caracci. "I wanted to do (a project) that had to do with my family," Caracci said. "At first I wanted to research my mom's side of the family, but then my dad mentioned my grandparents' 50th wedding anniversary."

Caracci decided to compile a multimedia slideshow to present to her grandparents on Dec. 28, their anniversary. Cline thought the idea was a meaningful one. "I know what that kind of thing means to a family," Cline said. "Plus it got (Caracci) to talk to her grandparents and get into the whole oral history thing."

In order to create the show, Caracci interviewed her grandparents and collected pictures from various points throughout their life as a couple, including pictures from their high school graduation when they were just dating, their wedding, and pictures of their kids and grandchildren.

Although her grandparents were clued in on the project, Caracci said they didn't really know what to expect. "At first when I told (my grandparents) it was for a class, my grandpa thought it was a joke," Caracci said.

When it was time to present the gift to her grandparents, Caracci was more than ready. "We went to their house for Christmas, and I showed it to my family," Caracci said. "Then three days later I showed it again at their anniversary party with all of their friends."

Despite a technical problem with the sound, Caracci was just as happy with the finished product as she was with the fact that she got the opportunity to complete it. After all, it wasn't very often that a class project was also a source of remembrance for a family. *Spread by Ryan Birmingham and Cory Gagne*

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Using streaks of red, green, blues and soft purples, junior Shelby Brose begins one of her paintings for her ELP project. Students designed their own semester-long assignments in order to fulfill the course requirements.



photo by Cory Gagne

Visit Grants New Outlook

Vietnam veteran tells his experience

As the students filed into the LMC at the beginning of the period, Jessica Webb's U.S. History class chattered away. Once Vietnam veteran Daniel Gannon began to speak, silence came over the crowd. Gannon came to talk to all of Webb's U.S. History classes and one of her World History classes.

Gannon started by explaining to the class how he chose to enter the Marines and was entered into serving in Vietnam from 1969-1970 as a platoon leader. He told the class about his day-to-day activities while in Vietnam and the hardships they faced. "(He) spoke about rationing their food supplies, leading a fire-fight, exchanging rounds with the enemy," Webb said.

Gannon also spoke about the injury he suffered during a battle. He was shot in the elbow and, as a platoon leader, could not leave his men, so he was bandaged on the field. This wound became infected and Gannon had to be airlifted to a hospital, in which he spent two weeks recuperating.

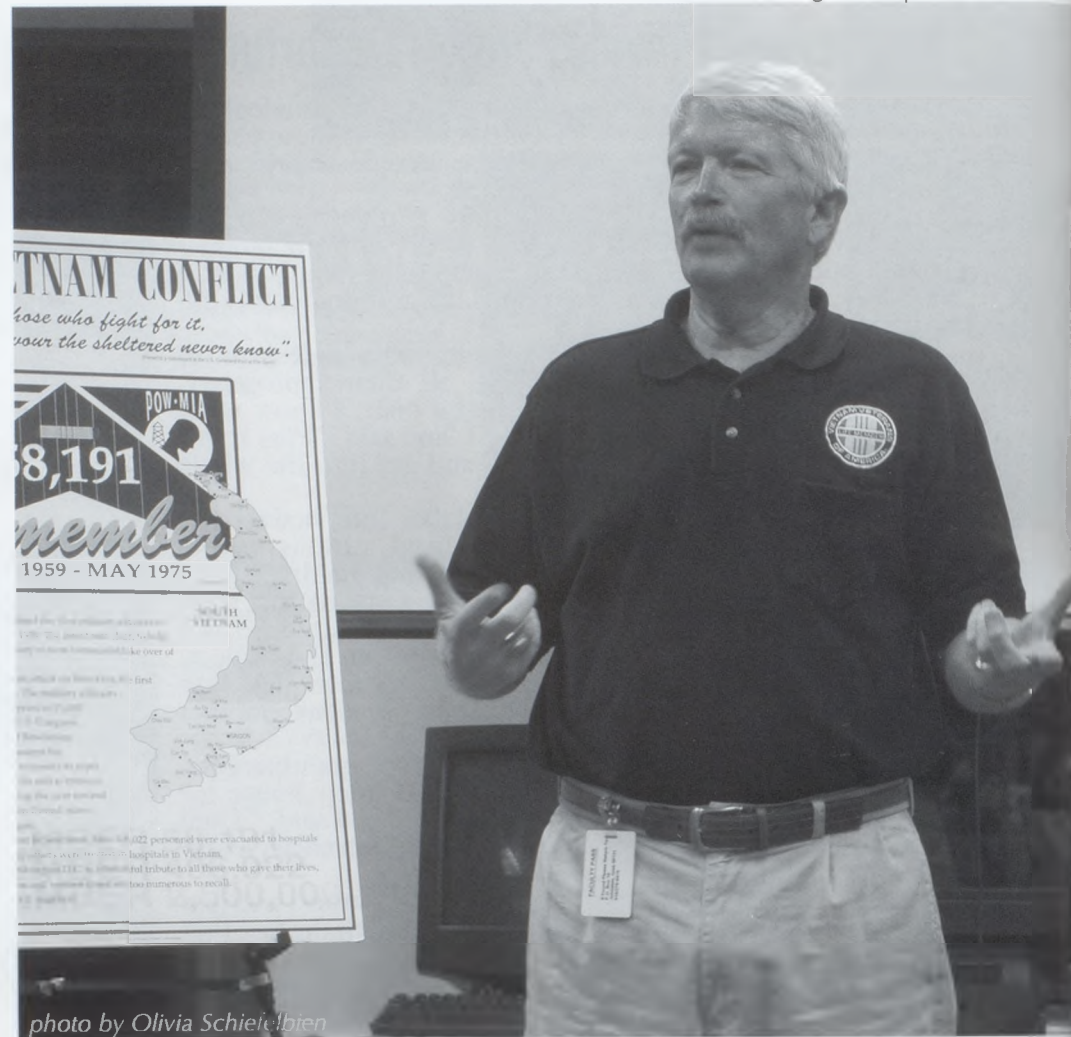
The students were intrigued by the events Gannon covered, as they had spent time learning about them beforehand. "He made every story he talked about interesting, because we all knew they were true," junior Anna Kurns said.

Gannon made an impact on the students as he shared his experience in Vietnam. "He was able to share his life story and how it has changed from before and after (he has served)," junior Vedrana Forecan said.

The Vietnam War was a subject of much controversy and Gannon's visit showed the students why. "I learned that the media made the Vietnam conflict sound like it wasn't really a war," Kurns said. "But the way that he talked about his friends who were practically his family, dying to the left and right of him every day. And now, we have respect for all our veterans. But back then, nobody cared about them and almost looked down upon them for going to war."

The stories Gannon told helped the students grasp the Vietnam War from a new standpoint. "Now, when I teach the Vietnam War, I'll have more sources to pull information from, I'll be able to make it come more alive," Webb said. *Spread by Sam Dearden*

Vietnam veteran Daniel Gannon speaks to Jessica Webb's U.S. History class. Gannon stated that he finds "the love of and the service to (his) country and the passion that (he) has toward all of the men and women that serve our country in the military" to be of great importance to him.





Alyssa Patten



Tyler Smith and Pat Ackerson



photo by Sam Dearden

Seniors Alyssa Patten, Stephanie Babcock, and Haley Ramsey converse during a fire drill, which interrupted their government class. "There have been more fire drills this year than any other year I've been in the high school," Patten said. "I don't mind because it's a good chance to get out of class and talk to friends."



Molly Suddeth and Miranda Smith



Mark Schillerstrom and Jeremy Mullen



photo by Sam Dearden

Working diligently on her laptop, junior Katie Bonney types a draft for a paper in Advanced Composition. The class was given an assignment to create an argument using logical fallacies, errors in reasoning that dissuade from the logic of one's argument.



Matt Isowder



Stephanie Sorrell



Librarian Jane Behrens participates in a book talk during Sarah Wessling's 3rd hour AP English class, sharing non-fiction and award-winning books. "The talk went really well, people checked out more of those types of books (from the LMC) afterwards," Behrens said.



Tina Li



photo by Cody Zoss

“I've always loved the way that words can make an impact on people's opinions. I want to be the person that can show others how big of an impact others' words and ideas actually have.”
 Sammy McConeghey '08



Classes to become:
 English teacher

AP English
 Word Processing
 American Lit

Tyler Eden '09



Creative Writing

photo by Abby Weaver

Ashley Hoogenakker '09



U.S. History

photo by Katie Norris



PE Track 2

Joey Knauss '08
 Steve Willams '10

photo by Ciera Lybaggren



Government

Jenny Pray '08

photo by Katie Norris

Senior Conveys Increased Ingenuity

design class brings out student's potential

Collecting photos, junior Andy Golightly decides which items to select to place inside his portfolio for Photo Art I. Students were often challenged to do more than they expected. "This class is a very rigorous course," Golightly said.

For a beginning of the year project, design and art teacher Daniel Weiss assigned an unusual task. "It's a reverse of the design elements," Weiss said. "Students take the exact opposite of an object and construct that. It forces them to study the principles in a new light."

Weiss said this was the students' favorite project and new, interesting ideas were often brought up involving things throughout the room. One student in particular caught the eye of Weiss. "Senior Gabbi Warrick is so quiet and committed to her work," Weiss said. "It's cool to watch what she's going to create and watch the other students anticipate that also."

Warrick's project was a reversed take on a black, knitted glove. The exact opposite in all aspects called for glass structure that spiraled outward and had hard edges. "I bought huge sheets of glass and smashed them on the ground to get my pieces," Warrick said. "I arranged it into a dome and started super gluing everything together."

Many students commented on Warrick's work during and after it was finished. "Gabbi's project was interesting to look at and fun to watch her make," junior Erin Funk said. "I don't think I would be able to think of something like Gabbi did."

"Students sometimes get mad at me when I give them these hard projects," Weiss said. "It's all performance based tasks; not your usual tests and quizzes." Weiss prides himself in his new way to test students and uses them to get his students thinking new and difficult things.

Warrick was challenged by this project; she had to think of something interesting and true to her form. "The time it took bugged me the most," Warrick said. "The project wasn't that big, but it took a while. I got super glue all over my hands and everywhere else."

The class led students to some fun and memorable experiences; it allowed them to find themselves through their own projects. "If the students survive they develop problem-solving skills and they find their own potential," Weiss said. *Spread by Nicole Postel and Ryan Birmingham*



photo by Nicole Postel



Alyssa Koth



Rod Wiebers



Tyler Smith



Kristen Smith



Christian Schoper



Ashley Wright and Rachel Chapman



Rod Wiebers



photo by Nicole Postel

Eating ice cream, juniors Taylor Knuth and Abby Sonner work on an assignment. Rod Wiebers' business class got to play in the dodgeball game during the May assembly with Rick Brooks' calculus class. They were defeated by The Beguhn-Eagles team.



photo by Nicole Postel

Practicing a skit, sophomores Jennifer Ross and Ali Willis ask Mary Moermond to listen. The skit was from a book called *The Little Prince*. "I like doing skits because its something new and fun," Ross said.



photo by Nicole Postel

Painting with his fingers, senior Cullen Hirst creates a piece of art from soil based paint. Dan Weiss asked his students to develop an understanding of where paints come from. Hirst collected soils from Texas, Polk City, and Georgia to create a white, brown and black painting.



Brittany Beane '08



French

photo by Nicole Postel



Spanish

photo by Nicole Postel

Shelby Hellmer and Shane Christensen '10

“I would like to pursue business obviously to make money and because my dad owns a business. I'm considering taking that over when I'm older.”
-JT Minor '09

Brett Brones '09



photo by Nicole Postel

Business



photo by Miriam Dickers

Daniel Berry '10

Art

Preparing for the Exam

students take a test, a semester after completing the class

After taking AP Statistics first semester, four students decided to take the AP Statistics exam. However, the only time the exam was offered was at the end of second semester, a semester after the students had taken the course. "I realized I had forgotten a lot from first semester, but once I started reviewing, it all came back," senior Audrey Henning said.

To review for the test, math teacher Vickie Borich held review sessions at her house. "I think the students were well prepared," Borich said. "I gave them web sites with practice problems (and) flashcards. We (also) used questions from previous tests that were on the AP site."

Even after all the reviewing, some students did not feel completely ready for the test. "I felt somewhat prepared; I should have studied more though," junior Senuri Jayatilleka said. "I should have studied longer and spent more time on it."

Students chose to take the class for many different reasons. "I wanted to take a math class this year, but I didn't want to take calculus," Henning said.

Jayatilleka had another reason for taking the class. "Mrs. Borich suggested it to me during an Algebra II conference my sophomore year," Jayatilleka said. "It sounded interesting, so I decided to take the class."

This was the first year Borich taught AP Statistics and she did not have a set schedule on when she would teach different sections of the class. Because of this, the class was unable to get to the last chapter in the book, which was also on the test.

"In class, we never got to (the) chi-squared test, and that was one of the essay questions," Henning said. "So all I knew was a quick overview from our study sessions." Chi-squared testing is a statistical test for deviation between an observed value and an expected value.

Borich was proud of how well the students did. "They're driven to excel," Borich said. "These are kids who take several AP tests, so these are kids who are really motivated to get AP credit." *Spread by Amanda Gabbert and Steve Williams*

Students in AP Statistics sit down with teacher, Vickie Borich to prepare for the AP exam. Seniors Brad Halbersma, Ian White, and junior Senuri Jayatilleka took notes and asked questions to feel more confident for the exam.

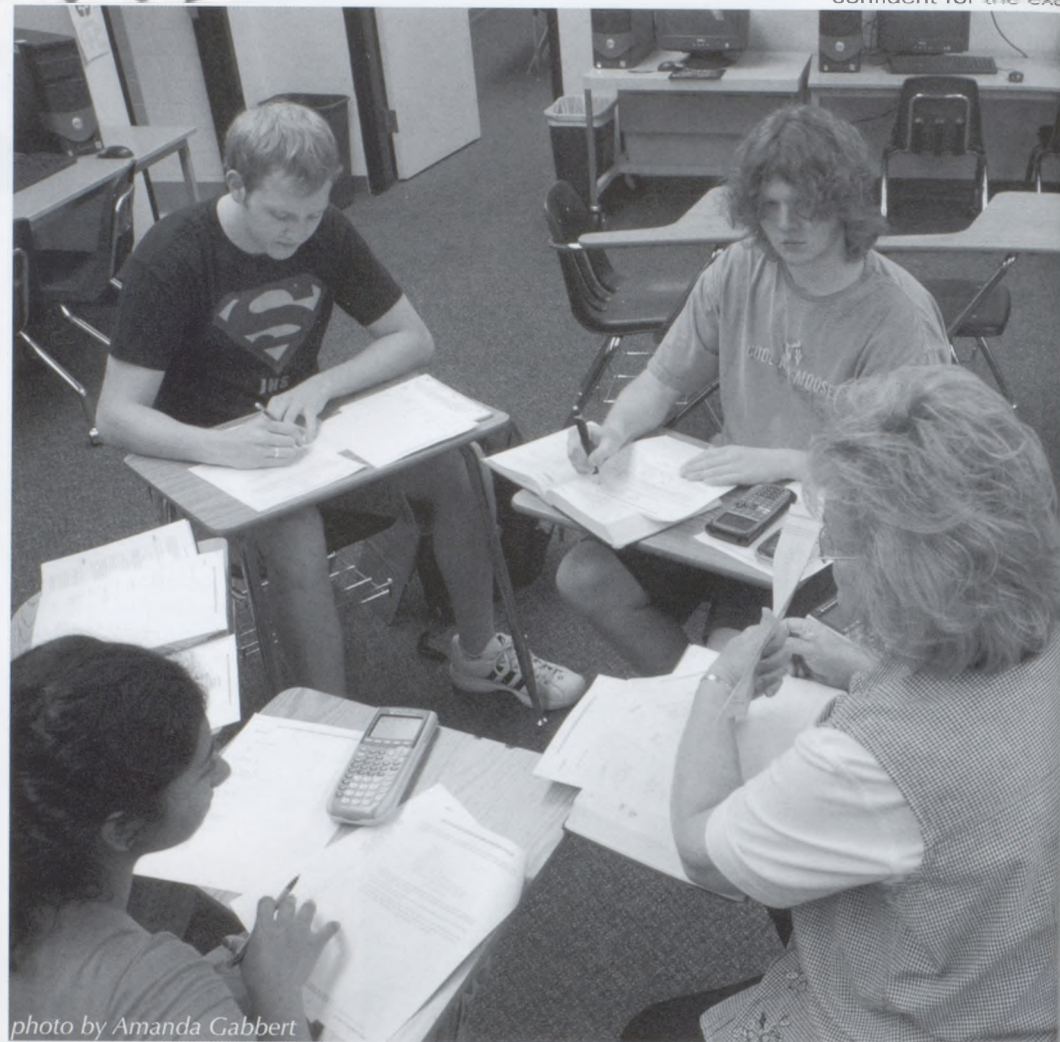


photo by Amanda Gabbert



Carly O'Keefe and Kari Ross



Sara Swigart



James Becvar



Mike Minton



Ben Hjelmass



Ben Fincher and Courtney Sabus



Liz Gesirich



photo by Mindy Dickerson

Examining and taking notes, senior Alyssa Burcham dissects a cat in anatomy. "This was during a practical and it was pretty hard," Burcham said. "We worked well as a group." Burcham wants to be a veterinarian after finishing her education.



photo by Cody Zoss

During physics class junior Dylan Cue decides to place his hand on a static ball. The class watched as the energy from the ball traveled up through his hand and raised his hair high into the air.



photo by Steve Williams

Sophomore Claire Ottley squints through her instrument to find an angle of a tree. During geometry class students made instruments to measure angles from their point of view, using a straw, string, weight, and protractor.

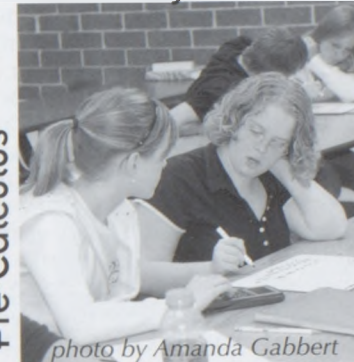


Classes to become: computer programmer

Computer Science
Algebra I
Algebra II

"I find computer science interesting and fun. Plus, it's a good feeling to know how to do something that three-fourths of the school doesn't even know about."
Zach Bruce '09

Erin Smalley '09
Allison Coy '09



Pre-Calculus

photo by Amanda Gabbert

Isaac Shyrock '10
Andrew McCrea '10



Biology

photo by Amanda Gabbert



Chemistry

photo by Makayla Coulson

Laressa Peters '09
Amy Kruger '09



Algebra II

photo by Amanda Gabbert

Alex Erb '08
Chris Bracelin '09
Alex Garland '09

Classes Endure Worthwhile Wait

Culinary students patiently adjust

In the spring of 2007, family consumer science teacher Ruth Hamilton found out that in a year she would be forced to vacate the family consumer science room. However, Hamilton was not dismayed or even frustrated with the news that she would have to move rooms with a month left in the semester, but rather she couldn't have been more thrilled; the family consumer science rooms were receiving an incredible remodeling. "It's very exciting," Hamilton said.

The newly remodeled room was to receive a complete transformation. Skeletal, home-style kitchens would be installed with one large, restaurant-style kitchen. This commercial kitchen would contain a six burner stove, two ovens, a combi oven and a three compartment sink with a garbage disposal. "I think the idea of a fun industrial kitchen is awesome," Culinary Arts II student, senior Katelyn Ingersoll, said. "I think it will really open up the room a lot and bring it into the century."

While the new room was something to look forward to, the construction to the current room still left family consumer science students without kitchens for the last month of the semester. Hamilton planned accordingly by completing all lab work in the kitchens by May 1 and saving all written projects for the last month. "I'm not sure it was as enjoyable (for the students), doing project after project, but they were great," Hamilton said.

"Early this year, Mrs. Hamilton told us we wouldn't be able to cook as much," Ingersoll said. "I was bummed." Despite the disappointment, students still aided in the move to the new rooms by packing and moving boxes down to a temporary family consumer science room in the newly completed wing.

"The kids helped (with the move)," Hamilton said. "The move wasn't as hard as I thought it was going to be. What was hard was not having access to the lab facilities." Once settled into the new room students worked on projects that filled out the rest of their class, eagerly awaiting the completion of the new room for the next year. "It's worth the wait," Hamilton said. *Spread by Cory Gagne and Leah Kron*

Sampling the cheese, sophomore Meghan Battersor writes down her description of the taste. Students were challenged to learn different aspects of culinary arts than prior years due to the move into the new hallway

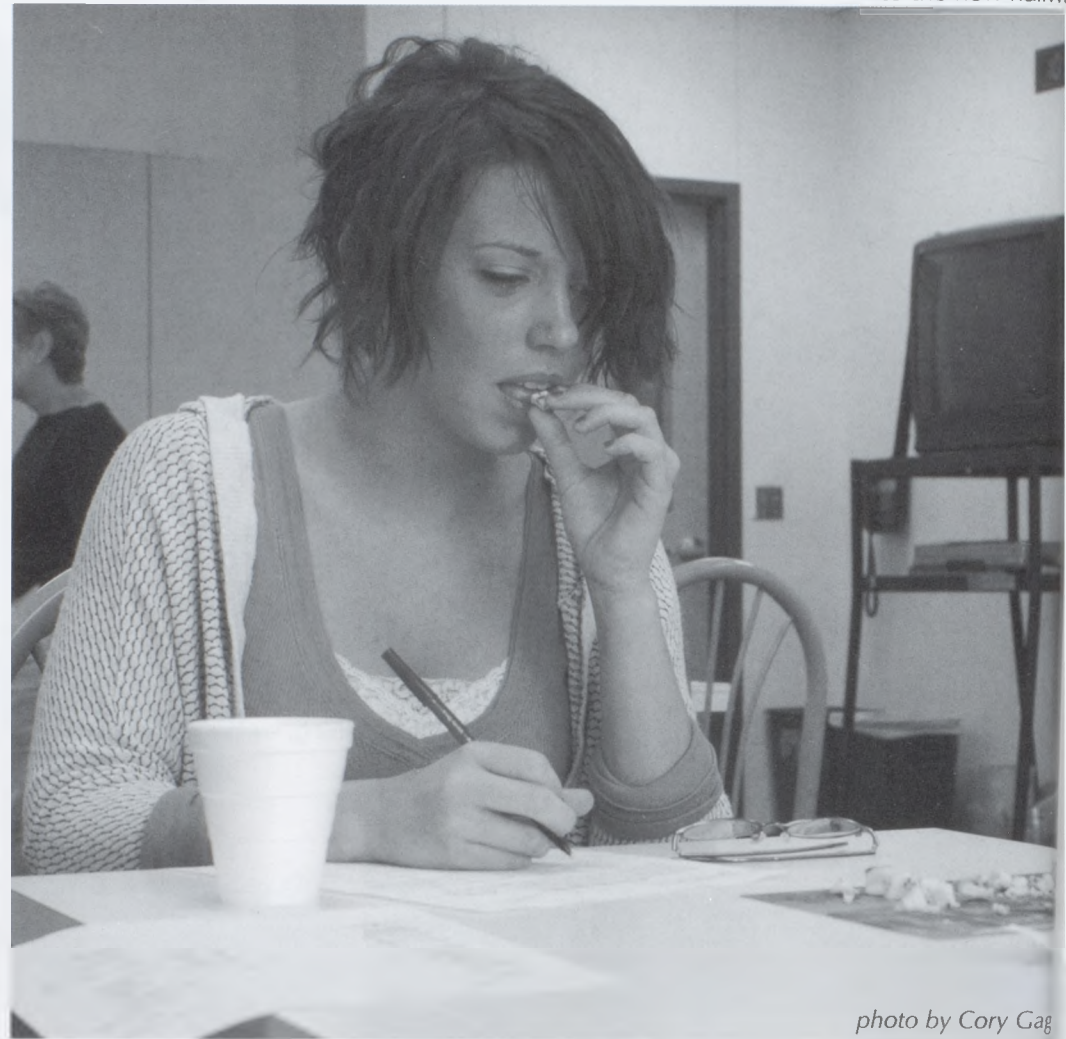


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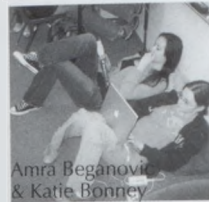
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Cassie Curtis



Amra Begonovic & Katie Bonney



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Chris Villegas



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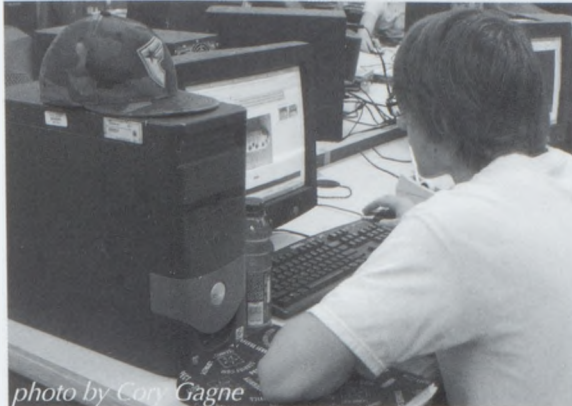


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Staring intently at the computer screen, junior Michael Semple plans out his project in graphic communications. The class was taught by Joe Huebbe, who travelled between the high school and the 8/9 building to teach industrial technology classes.

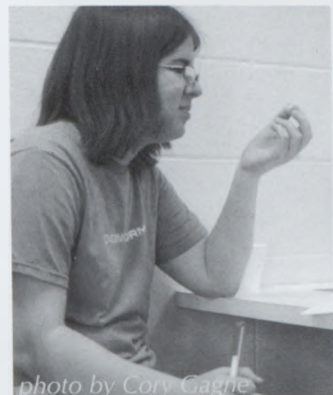


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Sitting in the new wing of the high school, junior Sarah Engstrom examines a piece of cheese in Culinary Arts II. Family consumer science classes were forced out of their original classroom into the new hallway for the end of the year, causing the teachers to find different culinary activities that did not require the use of kitchens.

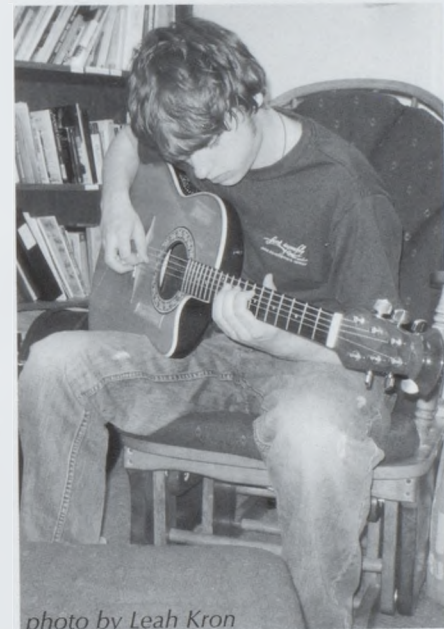


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Ignoring one of The Backstreet Boys' hit singles, "Larger Than Life," playing in the background, senior Joseph Broich concentrates on playing the guitar. "I work on new techniques and keep practicing to get better so I can hopefully get in a band some day," Broich said.



Megan Parker '10

Culinary Arts



photo by Cory Gagne

Classes to become:
Fashion Designer
Design
Clothing & Textiles
Central Academy's
Fashion Program

“(I like fashion) because it's so unexpected and changing. You're not doing the same thing over and over again.”
Rachel Spurgin '08

William McDowell '10

ELP



photo by Leah Kron

ELP



photo by Matthew Courtney

Katherine Burggraaf '08
Amanda Korkow '10

Woodworking



photo by Cory Gagne

Ryan Coffman '08

pieces of a Whole

While classes composed our day and athletic events our Friday nights, organizations were the **pieces** that made up our identity as a school. Each group contributed unique and memorable **pieces** - from lively intramurals to a controversial day of silence and everything in between. Organizations also thrived in competition; some for the first time. Each group was a **piece** of something much larger than itself as they represented the identity of JHS as a whole. Organizations allowed students to contribute **pieces** to the year and many took advantage of it in as many ways as possible.



Junior Christina Aldrich performs during the half-time of the varsity home football game. The Marching Dragons had a very successful season including a fifth place finish at Valley-Fest.



photo by Abby Weaver



Anticipating the return of his bowling ball, student Tim Gerzema waits anxiously in front of the chute. Gerzema had a special ball, one decorated to look like a character from the movie *Monsters, Inc.*

photo by Sam Dearden



Junior Kelsey

Bowen copies down names of current members, pairing them with buddies that best suited their personalities. "I joined sophomore year," Bowen said. "My friend was interested in it, and when I heard what it was about I decided to join."

photo by Sam Dearden

Sophomore Kjersten

Van Pelt leans in close to student Lauren Mackey as she identifies where Mackey wanted her to move the game piece. "I knew Lauren's brother from seventh grade so I requested her to be my buddy," Van Pelt said.



photo by Sam Dearden

Conversing with her

assistant KT Menke, sophomore Jill Von Fumetti laughs as she enjoys lunch with her friends. A pizza party was thrown March 28 in co-adviser Susan McCravy's room to allow for more interaction between members at school.



photo by Sam Dearden

“Love the quote 'We should acknowledge differences, we should greet differences until differences make no difference anymore.' I believe we should do so at our school.”



Co-adviser Brigid Townsend

Junior Chris Soroka tries his hand in a round of Guitar Hero II as junior Keith Wiskirchen watches. Soroka was attempting to hit the notes from the song "Carry On, My Wayward Son" by Kansas.



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Best

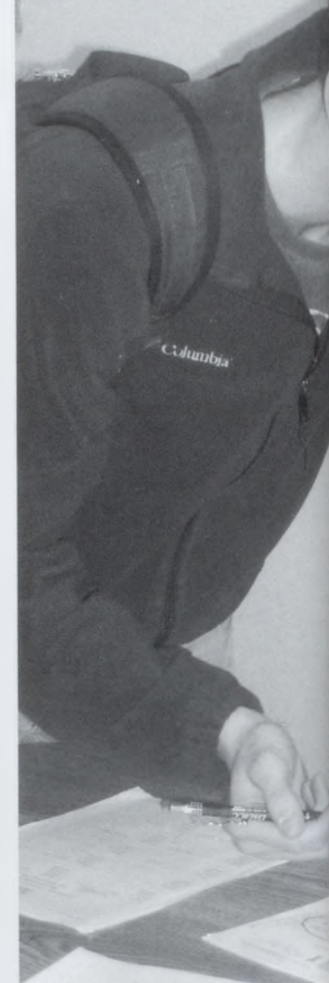


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Buddies



Caleb Cook



Tim Gerzema



Molly Ghem



Susan McCravy & Brigid Townsend



Luijuan Dong & Lauren Mackey



Jill VonFumetti & KT Menke

discouraging decreasing members pose problems for continuation of group dilemma

At the turn of the century, participation was thriving when Best Buddies was first established at Johnston. A group in which students with intellectual disabilities had the chance to form long-lasting friendships, it was one of only 18 chapters in the nation that existed at the time. However, there were not as many students interested in the group. "Urbandale (High School's chapter) folded, they were strong, we were strong," co-adviser Susan McCravy said. "Now there's so few kids who want to do it, there aren't even enough kids to be officers."

The group made it a point to hold activities as much as they were able to. Pizza parties, an Iowa Cubs baseball game, and early out hang-outs were all offered to members, but not many new participants made the time to get involved. "The lack of participation keeps the activities from having any momentum or appeal to members and most times results in an uninteresting activity," junior Kelsey Bowen said. "The more people (involved), the more fun the activity."

The lack of participation could have been potentially hurtful to already dedicated members. "It's seeing the look on their buddy's face is what hurts the most," sophomore Caleb Wagner said. "It's frustrating for everyone when very few people show up and all our plans are ruined."

The continual failure of activities resulted in the

decrease in involvement from many of the members. "I think the decrease has come from communication troubles and lack of care," Bowen said. "It seems like the program has just been unraveling and falling apart; the members aren't enthusiastic and communication always seems to be an issue."

The decrease in participation from students was a factor in the potential termination of the chapter at Johnston, but also the idea people had about the group prevented new members from joining. "People tend to think that the intellectually impaired cannot do the things you and I can," Wagner said. "Or that they act strange and you can't really have a conversation with them. I think that people tend to think these things because they are not comfortable with people with disabilities and never took the time to find out. Basically it all comes down to one thing — ignorance."

The fun times the group had when it was succeeding were times that were beneficial to all involved. "The years that it did (have many participants), it was a positive experience for everyone," McCravy said. "(Best Buddies) raised awareness. There was more interaction between the two. Kids are going to be working with people who are different, (and) it gave them a sense of diversity." *Spread by Samantha Jo Dearden*



Checking over his reference papers, sophomore Caleb Wagner talks with co-adviser Brigid Townsend. "Commitment from members is vitally important to the group," Townsend said. "Students with disabilities look forward to frequent interaction and a lasting friendship, not just during the academic year."





Ben Warrick



Nick Davis



JT Mitchell
Danny Heldt



Tim Clay
Tanner Garboer



Leah Peterson



Fred Zhao

Oatts trio triples tradition

Three brothers
carry on family
jazz legacy

After fighting overseas in World War II, Jack Oatts, grandfather to sophomore triplets Chris, Jeff, and Eric Oatts, walked into his new job at Earlham High School with an idea. Jack was trying to convince the educational board to begin a new program in which jazz would be included in his band's curriculum. This program was eventually put underway with adjustments and thus the first high school jazz band was produced. The Earlham Stage Band and jazz education set the stage for other Iowa high schools, which soon adopted stage bands into their band curriculum. "He created the first high school jazz band program, and then other high schools followed," grandson Jeff said.

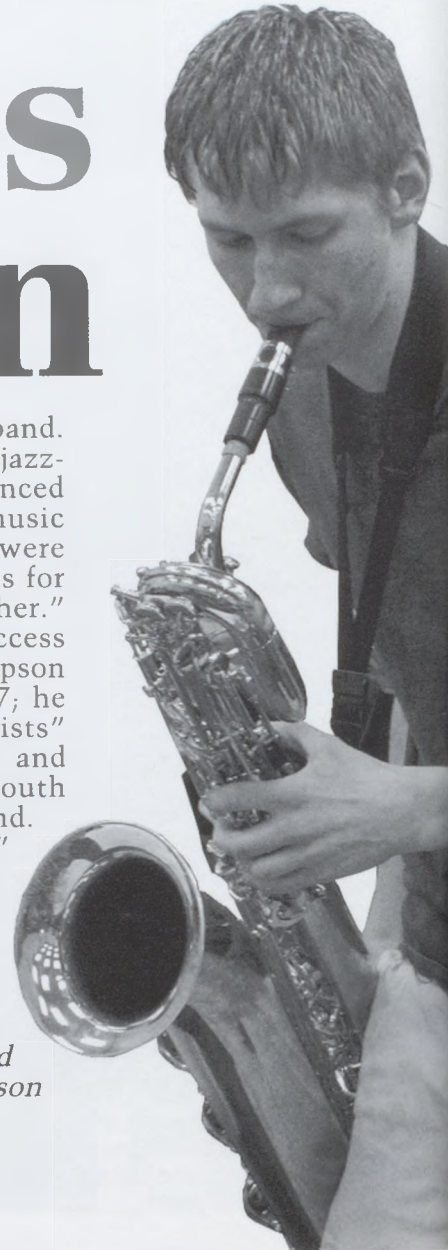
Both sons of Jack went on to lead musical lives. After high school, Dick Oatts moved to New York City to further improve his career. He joined the Thad Lewis-Mel Lewis Orchestra. The younger son, Jim Oatts, was also active as an instrumental director at S.E. Polk high school and as a leader of the Des Moines Big Band.

Continuing the tradition being sons of Jim,

all three triplets were active in the jazz band. Chris, Jeff, and Eric all hoped to lead jazz-induced lives in their future, being influenced by their surroundings. "I grew up around music and, seeing that (Jack, Dick, and Jim) were successful, it has opened up opportunities for me," Jeff said. "I want to be a jazz band teacher."

The Oatts brothers had a lot of success in the recent years. Chris was a Simpson College Jazz honor band member in 2007; he and Jeff were named "Outstanding Soloists" at the 2006 Coe College Jazz Summit; and he and Eric were selected for the South Central Iowa Bandmasters Honor Band. "They contribute a lot to this program," band director Patrick Kearney said.

Friends, family, and fellow jazz band members said the trio's success was just a taste of what is going to come. "They are great and they are going to stay that way," Kearney said. "Their future is bright and filled with opportunities." *Spread by Faisal Alabsi and Hannah Emmerson*



Jazz/Concert Band

Leaning forward to see what music senior Jacob Vander Ploeg practices his saxophone part. The soundness of jazz ensemble were required to stand by their instructor, Patrick Kearney, during practice sessions.



photo by Hannah Emmerson

Wetting the reed for her saxophone and adjusting her strap, senior Rachel Stanley prepares herself for the upcoming exhibition. Stanley was among six saxophonists that performed in the ensemble.

Blowing heavily into his saxophone, senior Jon Emheiser continues the solo as sophomore Eric Oatts takes a seat after ending his own. The two played back and forth at different moments in the song.



photo by Hannah Emmerson

Paying close attention to instructor Patrick Kearney, sophomore Laura Cross, junior Alison Blakely and sophomore Amy Bowers ready themselves to stop playing their water glasses. The concert band played a piece named *Grant Them Eternal Rest* that called for the use of harmonic water glasses.



photo by Hannah Emmerson



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Commencing the opening song, senior Brad Halbersma plays a solo on the piano. Halbersma had been playing piano for 14 years.



photo by Hannah Emmerson

Looking thoroughly disgusted, sophomore Tanner Gardiner doesn't know quite what to do with the flute portion that had just been handed to him. "Alex Erb gave it to me for some odd reason," Gardiner said.



"I love jazz music, whether it's an upbeat swing tune or a slow blues ballad. There's something about the music that just makes you want to move."
Leah Peterson '09



photo by Hannah Emmerson



photo by Abby Weaver

Seniors Ciera Lundgren and Michelle Wallace practice for the annual Madrigal dinner, where the seniors have the privilege to be on the royal court. "It was fun being on the royal court and wearing renaissance outfits," Lundgren said. "I've had my dress since the eighth grade from a renaissance wedding."



photo by Abby Weaver

Setting up his microphone for the Madrigal dress rehearsal, senior Chris Cline gets assistance from choir teacher Sarah Van Waardhuizen. Cline had the role of being Lord of Misrule in the skit before dinner.

Concert/Mixed



photo by Abby Weaver

Looking out into the crowd, sophomore Olivia Pace awaits the cue to begin singing. Pace, along with all members of the chamber and concert choir, ended the dual band and choir concert by singing "America, the Beautiful."



photo by Abby Weaver

Junior Zac Stevens joins the choir in singing a collection from the first Master Works concert. The Master Works concert was the combination of the musical departments in an integrated presentation.



"I was Princess Vivv (Vivacious) and (senior) Nick Hunsberger was Prince David, and I'm still bitter that he didn't choose me. I had the best shoes."



Rachel Spurgin '08



photo by Abby Weaver

Encouraging the choir to "come on," instructor Sarah Van Waardhuizen conducts the concert choir along with a small band during a concert. The concert choir sang an array of songs from a gospel mass to a poem about the Virginia Tech shootings.

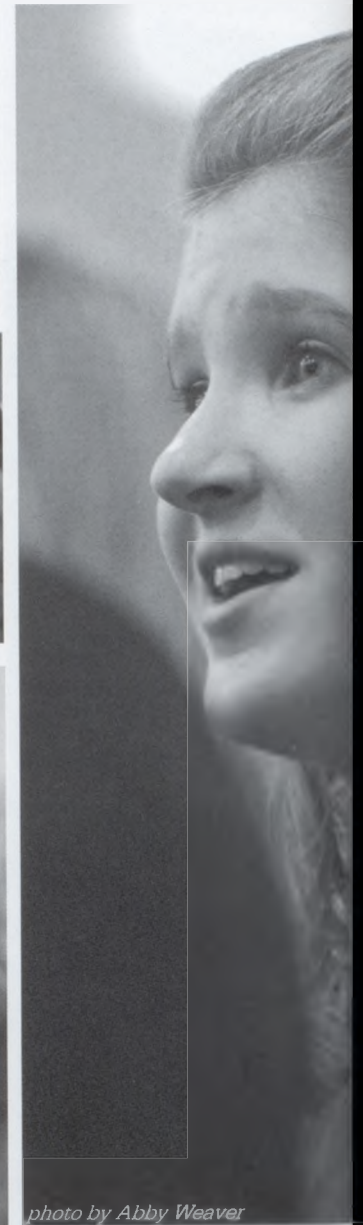


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Choir



Anna Tucker



Jenny



Alle Moffit



Julia Manning



Madie Fiedler



Gabe Tovar

music classes the band and choral departments combine for one great show

collaborate

Students silently rustled in their seats, parents and fans alike took flashing pictures, and directors calmed themselves before it all began. The Master Works concert involved students from chamber choir and mixed chorus, as well as students from concert band. The idea was a collaboration of both departments and organized by first-time choral director, Sarah VanWaardhuizen. "I wanted the students to feel a part of something more than just singing," VanWaardhuizen said.

Band member junior Kelsey Bowen agreed. "I think that it was fun when we played while the choir sang," Bowen said. "Having the band there playing gave it a different, more real feeling."

The concert brought in a vast array of fans that filled the bleachers in the large gym. The concert required some effort put into the planning with its huge numbers of attendees. "There was a lot of logistical coordination," VanWaardhuizen said. "I don't want to say it was massive, but it was."

Students from all three divisions prepared for months for the Master Works concert. Concert choir accompanied the show choir on a trip to Carlton College in Minnesota for a session with a well-known music director, Dr. Lawrence Burnett.

One attending the trip was concert choir member junior Leah King. "We went to the college for a workshop," King said. "They gave us tips on how to improve our

gospel singing."

As the choral pieces focused around a score of gospel music, song selections were chosen by the directors and meticulously practiced for months. Students focused on the music during every practice, hoping it would sound perfect. "We worked every class on making the songs sound better and trying to make it all flow," King said.

Some students, such as junior Allyson Mayer were in both mixed choir and band. "We practiced individually a lot, but we didn't put the band and choir together until the dress rehearsal," Mayer said. "I played with the band, then I ran up for choir and stayed there for the rest of show. I missed some songs with the whole band, but it was fine."

However, the show wasn't all rushing around. Mixed choir students sang a total of two songs and sat down in the bleachers for the rest. Junior Anna Kurns sat with the mixed choir while the concert was going on. "It was fun and all, but we didn't do anything," Kurns said. "We only learned two songs for the concert, so to have a three-hour concert in gigantic robes that are older than your parents and have to sit and be really quiet is boring."

Overall, the concert was a success. "I feel very blessed to be in Johnston," VanWaardhuizen said. "The kids worked very hard to make this transitional year a success." *Spread by Abby Weaver and Ryan Birmingham*

Junior Ashley Williamson performs with the concert choir. Williamson, along with the other show choir members, had to be in concert choir in order to qualify for show choir.





Dylan Cue



Chelsea Majada



Ben Schurr



Chelsea



Cody Lenz

Silence brings attention

Day of silence shines attention on the views of JHS

Walking up the sidewalk like it was a normal day, junior Dylan Cue opened the doors to the school. Instead of heading to his locker, Cue went to the attendance office where he met his friends and other members of the Gay Straight Alliance (GSA). Cue knew this day would be different, along with many other students.

Meeting president of GSA senior Ben Schurr and other members in the office, Cue listened while procedures and discussion took place to ensure everyone was comfortable participating. According to Schurr the "Day of Silence" was a day of remembrance for all of those people who died due to hate crimes in the LGBTQQA (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, queer, questioning, and allies) community. The Johnston chapter of GSA supported and participated in this event for the second year.

During this chosen day, members of the organization were silent from the beginning of the school day to the end, wearing buttons and armed with slips of paper to explain to teachers why they would not be able to participate in class. Sitting in his first hour class, the bell rang, and Cue began to stand up for what he believed in. "It was actually fairly difficult, just because of how natural talking is," Cue said. "Most time people don't even think about the fact that they're saying something; the main difference was lunch when hanging out with friends. We just decided to write notes to each other because

it would be really boring otherwise."

Each student had his or her own reason for participating in the "Day of Silence." "I participated because I think this is a really good way to be able to bring to mind what gays and lesbians have gone through, without being too militaristic," Cue said. "This way you can make a statement without having to shout about it. Or say anything, really."

Others in the group had more personal reasons. "I participated because I used to be one of those individuals who had to remain silent from kindergarten up until my freshman year," junior Chloe Coulter said. "I would be harassed and mocked on a daily basis. When I figured out about it, I knew I needed to spread the word and participate and advocate that you don't have to be silent. I was just sick of putting up with crap basically."

The "Day of Silence" was completed with minor complications, with only a few nervous moments, and was overall considered a success with 41 members participating. Cue was happy with the involvement and concluded, "One of the big things we are about is just being comfortable. At the end of the day, what we absolutely have to be is a place where people can relax and feel safe." *Spread by Erin Funk*



Gay-Straight Alliance

Bringing the meeting to attention, the president of GSA, senior Ben Schnurr, politely directs the participants to sit down. Meetings were held nearly every Monday throughout the school year, led by the GSA board.



photo by Matthew Courtney

Reciting her speech to the other members of the GSA, junior Chole Coulter presses why she should be the president. Coulter went up against junior Adam Helgeson who watches while Coulter presents her ideas.

Concentrating on the conversation while glancing down at his notes, junior board member Adam Helgeson sits in the front of the room. Helgeson held the vice president position, and attended almost every meeting.



photo by Mindy Dickerson



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Texting before an afternoon meeting, junior Kelsey Bowen passes the time. Bowen recently had foot surgery, and displayed her resourcefulness when she used another chair to elevate her walking cast.

Smiling for their camera, sophomores Laura Cross and Preet Dhugga take a quick photo while waiting for a meeting to start. Cross and Dhugga were attending the meeting to vote for board positions.



photo by Matthew Courtney



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Speaking to GSA advisor and English teacher, Ed Walker, junior Chole Coulter discusses the subject of the upcoming meetings. Meetings were held in Walker's room throughout the school year.



“We had originally planned to have the shirts on the Day of Silence to go with the event, but we couldn't because they came in late.”
Jon Kruger '09



photo by Mindy Dickerson





Sophomore Michael Carlson pounds his mallets against his xylophone, concentrating on keeping time with the music. The band played songs from the musical *Wicked* for their show.

photo by Sammy McGonegney



Suspending his baritone in front of himself during a morning practice, senior Daniel Chapman attempts to perfectly space his steps without looking downward. Chapman was only able to perform during competitions because his position as a varsity football player didn't allow him to perform in the halftime shows.

photo by Hannah Emmerson



“A lot of people want to sign Kearney's shoes. It's sort of like an honor to sign them.”



Betsy Pilkington '09

Marching

Blowing heavily into his suzaphone, sophomore Alex Erb practices his steps while paying close attention to the conducting of the drum majors. The drum majors won best in show of drum majors at the Valleyfest competition.



photo by Hannah Emmerson

Carefully applying freshman Claire Nagel's makeup, senior Julia Steggerda prepares for the performance at Valleyfest. Steggerda performed regardless of an ankle injury and helped the band place fifth.



photo by Abby Weaver

Junior Alison Blakely prepares herself to begin the usual drills while focusing her attention on the drumline instructor. "Drumline rocks," Blakely said. "It's like a family."



photo by Hannah Emmerson

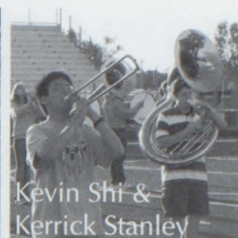
Band



Korey Kurtze



Hailey Christensen



Kevin Shi &
Kerrick Stanley



Taylor Probst



Amanda Johns



Tim Gray

in step with tradition

a pair of Converse became a source of marching pride

Moments before the performance, the air was calm and the crowd was silent. A vision of mobbed purple coats and golden plumes stood at the end of the field. Out walked the Marching Dragons, led by the band director Patrick Kearney. His apparel was typical, donning a purple polo shirt and jeans. It took a glance just long enough to fully realize he wasn't wearing shoes. In his hands were a pair of Purple Converse Chuck Taylor All-Stars. It seemed a little out of the ordinary to carry his shoes rather than wear them, especially those that were scrawled over with hundreds of signatures; however, such a situation came to be expected of Kearney.

"When I came to Johnston in the fall of 2000, I had a pair of old gold Converse Chuck Taylor All-Star shoes that I wore," Kearney said. A year after Kearney's arrival, his marching band decided the golden oldies had to go. Then-senior Ian Brandt searched scrupulously to find a pair of purple Converse for Mr. Kearney to wear. After being presented with the shoes, Kearney took them in as a part of the band department.

Before the band played a note at their football game performances, Kearney marched out on the field and made an effort to dramatically place the purple shoes on the fifty-yard line in front of the drum majors, leaving the shoes there throughout the performance. "There is a tradition of Mr. Kearney taking his shoes off and throwing them on the field following the usual

pep-talk," junior Azra Beganovic said. "It makes me proud to wear the purple polyester suit no matter how dorky I look."

For senior Fred Zhao, the Converse gave him a sense of belonging with the band during his first year. "I felt like I was part of a tradition," Zhao said. "When Kearney slams the shoes down at the 50, it is the epitome of our bonding experience. When you're out there in the cold, practicing and playing with so many others, you really feel the bond."

Students who put a large amount of time and effort into the marching band were asked to sign the shoes. "All seniors sign the shoes," junior Linda Brown said. "It is supposed to be an honor to sign the shoes, showing how much hard work and effort you put into marching band."

The shoes had been around since 2001 and had seen a great deal of names since then. "The shoes are in pretty good condition and as some names fade away we add new names," Kearney said.

As the Marching Dragons took the field each performance, the purple Chuck Taylor All-Stars were there as a reminder of where the band had been and where it would go in the future. "I put the shoes on the field to represent the growing tradition of the band program," Kearney said. *Spread by Hannah Emmerson and Sammy McConeghey*



Elevating His

Saxophone, sophomore Eric Daffs takes in a breath before beginning practice. Students were expected to be at the school at 7 a.m. to perfect their performance.





Team Purple



Molly Bower



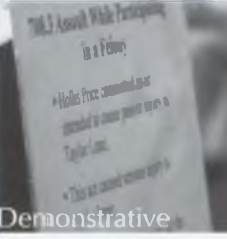
Megan Hankins



David Zhang



Cory Cagne



Demonstrative

late start hinders

Delayed competition dates caused rushed season

Spring break typically assumes the prospect of resting, but for mock trial students two more competitions awaited immediately after break. Competitions for mock trial in previous years occurred before the beginning of spring break; however, this year regionals were the only competition fit in before break; runoffs and state loomed after. This schedule seemed like it would make things easier because it allowed more time, but for some that led to overestimation of preparation time.

For some mock trial teams, overestimation became a reality. "We didn't organize really at the beginning," freshman Molly Ward said. "Everyone else knew their parts, (we were saying) 'We still have plenty of time.'" Ward belonged to Team Hjelmås who succeeded to state, even though their preparations were slow to start due to the extra time given.

Because some teams had slow starts, scrimmages were harder to organize. "Because we didn't have as many chances to scrimmage, (we didn't get) several points of view of the case," senior Trista Woody said. "(Scrimmaging is) always good, it helps us so much going up against people, (it tells us) what we need to work up to." Woody was a member of Team Purple, who had been together for six years.

That extra time gave one team the opportunity to realize that their hearts were not in it as much

as (they) used to be. "(The team) didn't really fall apart until late in the game," senior Nikki Ward said. "There was kind of a general lack of enthusiasm. It's one thing to say we'll do well, (and another) to keep doing (mock trial) after you don't really want to anymore. Our hearts really (weren't) really in it."

Whether the extra time made teams rush or caused a lack of scrimmages, teams found themselves prepared for competitions as five teams made it to runoffs and three teams advanced to state.

"We finished in the top four," senior Team Purple member Torey Robinson said. "We were undefeated in the state; we did the best we have ever done."

Team Purple placed the highest out of the Johnston teams, beating teams that they had lost to in previous years. Despite rushed time, teams still prospered in the end. "I think that (some teams) didn't get ready as soon, (and) overestimated (time and ended) up rushing more than they normally did," adviser Sue Cline said. "(But) three of the teams at state placed higher than they had before. It was really great." *Spread by Katie Norris*



Mock Trial

photo by Cody Zoss



Learning strategies from an opponent during a scrimmage, team member of Quiquiriqui, sophomore Fred Shen, preps his prosecution statement. Scrimmages were held weekly over a month time in preparation for competitions.



photo by Katie Norris

Listening intently to his "I Have a Taped Confession" team member, junior Dylan Cue preps his witness statement during break. "We're talking about our performance," Cue said. "We're pumping ourselves up."



photo by Katie Norris

Pointing out particulars in the run-through, sophomore Laura Cross helps out her fellow Quiquiriqui team members. "It was the day before competitions," Cross said. "(We were) running through everything we had before the final run through to make sure we were prepared."

Enjoying downtime, junior Alan Nagel lies on the ground after playing his last trial of the year. "My nerves were fried," Nagel said. "(I was using) every minute I could to relax. I was just chilling."

photo by Jordin Robinson



Laughing at one of his team's inside jokes, junior Adam Helgeson participates in a mock trial scrimmage. "Our team name 'I Have a Taped Confession' is a strategy," Helgeson said. "(When), we're doing really poorly our coach, Justine, bursts into the room and says 'Everybody stop, I have a taped confession.'"



photo by Cody Zoss



"I love getting to know the team members, having a good time, and getting funny quotes. I honestly have a book of quotes."

Rachel Binner '08



photo by Cody Zoss





Taking a break during the induction ceremony, seniors Michelle Wallace and David Zhang take a second to confer about English teacher Sarah Wessling's speech. Wallace was the Vice President of History and David Zhang was treasurer.

photo by Jordan Robinson



NHS members discuss and enjoy each other's company before a meeting begins early at 7:30 May 1st. Seniors handed off the throne to the new members and reminisced on the past year.

photo by Nicole Postel

National Honor

Standing in front of her peers, senior Chelsea Kumbera chats with senior Jenna Willson with her morning beverage in hand. The meetings took place in the choir room and were under the supervision of teacher sponsors Jacki Prehm and Melissa White.



photo by Nicole Postel

Carefully listening to the agenda for the day, senior Sammy McConeghey drinks her apple juice at an early morning meeting. Many members brought breakfast to the meetings because it forced them to get to the school at an earlier time.



photo by Nicole Postel



“I had a hard time selling my carnations, but it was for a good cause. I ended up buying all of my carnations for myself.”

Lauren Lund '08



Receiving her pin on stage, senior Michelle Wallace smiles and takes the gift from principal Bruce Hukee. Seniors received a pin during the ceremony for giving their time and effort to NHS.



photo by Jordan Robinson



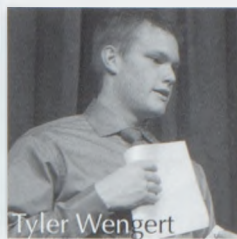
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Society



Sarah Wessling



Tyler Wengert



Lauren Lund & Veronica Roshek



Cory Gagne
Katherine Burggraaf & Melissa White



Ceremony Candles



Rachel Stanley

Prices cause problems

Raise in carnation prices cause less donation than years past

When constantly being asked to buy carnations at the high school for homecoming and Valentine's Day, students automatically thought of National Honor Society (NHS). Selling carnations was one of the main things NHS did to raise money. This money was then donated to Dollars for Scholars, an organization that helped raise money for Johnston students to get scholarships for college. In previous years, the carnations were bought for fifty cents and sold to students for a dollar. Carnations this year were bought at seventy-five cents and sold to students for a dollar. NHS usually gave around \$1,000 dollars to Dollars for Scholars but gave a lot less this year. "After subtracting carnation costs and our annual dues to the NHS organization, we were able to donate \$500 to scholarships," senior David Zhang, NHS treasurer, said. "As far as next year goes, they are trying to think up some different ideas for fundraising, as carnation selling seems to be losing it viability."

NHS' biggest fundraiser was the annual phone-a-thon for Dollars for Scholars, where students called and tried to get pledges from people to donate money to the organization. This year they raised around \$93,000 dollars from the phone-a-thon, one of the largest amounts raised. The phone-a-thon was over three nights and the top three people who got the most pledges got prizes.

The first place winner was senior Jared Walahoski with twenty-four pledges worth \$2,135 dollars; second place was senior Veronica Roshek with fifteen pledges for \$1,800 dollars; and third place senior Katherine Burggraaf with 31 pledges for \$1,420 dollars. These people received gift cards to various gas stations. "I thought it was a great prize especially since I have to pay for my own gas," Burggraaf, president of NHS, said. "There were other prizes for participants such as candy, cookies, and \$5 gift cards to various places. They also gave us free pizza and pop while we were working."

Since the carnation fundraiser didn't make as much money as planned, the phone-a-thon made up for some of it. "We didn't raise near as much money as years past for the carnations, so I'm not sure yet what we'll do for fundraising next year," teacher sponsor for NHS, Melissa White, said. "We may just try to find a cheaper vendor for carnations."

Burggraaf was frustrated because the raise of carnation prices limited the amount of money the NHS could give. "We thought about upping the price, but no student is going to want to pay more than one dollar for a carnation," Burggraaf said. "I really enjoyed being apart of NHS. The students in it were exceptional and for the most part were willing to help out with the different service projects we had through out the year." *Spread by Zach Jensen and Jordin Robinson*



Removing the microphone, seniors Cory Gagne and Katherine Burggraaf aid in cleaning up the stage area after the induction ceremony. The event took place April 7th, 2008.





Ben Vander Ploeg



Dwight Perkins



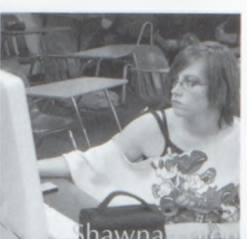
Chelsea Nelson



Thomas Lashier



Lauren Proffitt



Shawna

Spinning Wheel of Death

Computer problems lead to late deadlines.

Frustrating. Inconvenient. Annoying. Headache? These are just a few emotions that crossed through senior editor Kari Dockum's head as she watched the multicolored spinning icon at her computer. "I came in one day during the summer to talk to (adviser Leslie) Shipp and there were old computers," Dockum said. "Then, a week or so later, it was a completely new system."

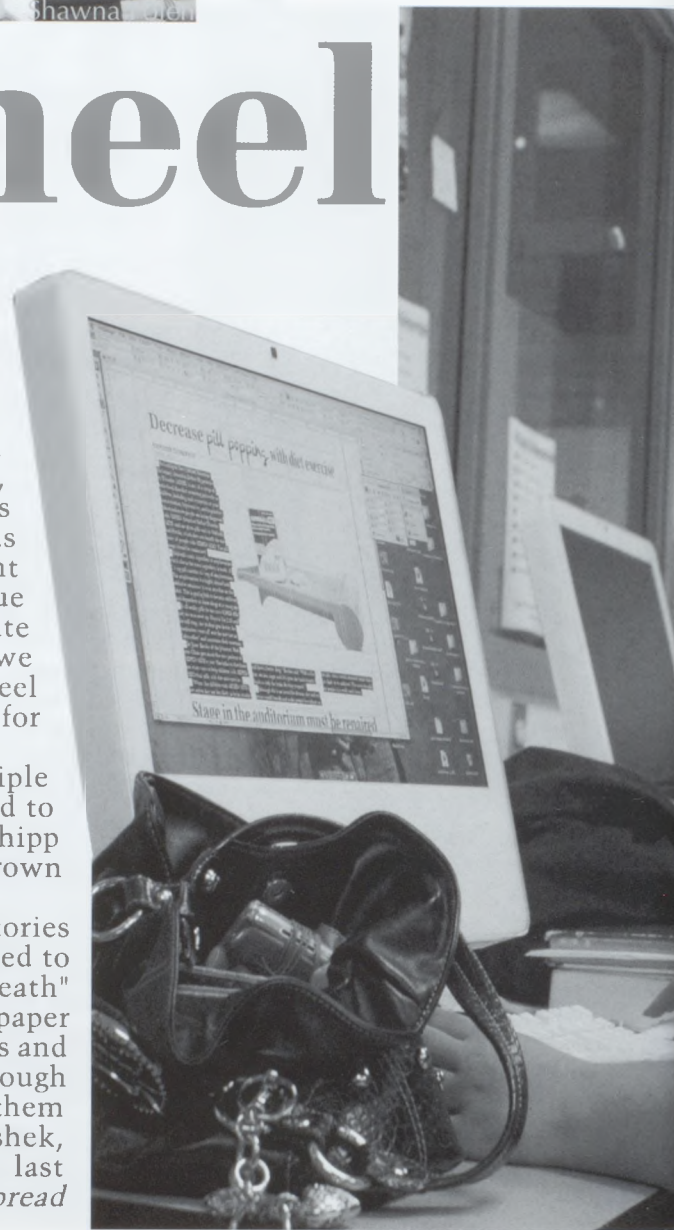
The new computers did not guarantee satisfaction. Sitting at a computer became frustrating because of the "spinning wheel." Students named this annoying icon (that signaled the server was down or slow) the "Spinning Wheel of Death." "It was just really annoying because you'd sit and watch a spinning icon for 20 minutes waiting to log on, sometimes more," Dockum said. The name symbolized the fact that it was nearly impossible for the paper to meet deadlines on time.

The new computer system changed drastically from years past. Students had been able to sign on to the computer and then they could sign on to a server, such as newspaper. If the server was down, students were still able to get on the internet, basic programs, and save to their desktop. Students now had to sign on the server in order to get on to the computer. This meant if the server was slow or

not working they could do nothing but wait. As a result of these server malfunctions, deadlines were pushed back, the paper was sent out later to the printer, and it was distributed later. Shipp recalled an incident of missed deadlines. "With the October issue we had worked and worked and worked as late as 9 p.m.," Shipp said. "Then the day before we sent the paper to print, the 'Spinning Wheel of Death' came up for two or three days for almost the whole period."

When one deadline was pushed back, multiple deadlines were forced back as well. "We had to finish the October issue; it was out late," Shipp said. "Then the November issue got thrown off."

Deadlines were designed to make the stories timely to when the newspaper was scheduled to come out, but with the "Spinning Wheel of Death" problems occurred. "I think (the delayed paper distribution) had some effect on the students and teachers reading the paper because even though we made it look nice, it was hard making them timely," opinion editor senior Veronica Roshek said. "It was hard to try to improve from last year when we didn't have the chance to." *Spread by Nicole Postel and Ethan Kumbera*



Newspaper



photo by Leah Kron

Highlighting her story, junior Steph Ivankovich prepares to spell check. Ivankovich took the necessary steps in meeting her deadline on the newspaper's April issue.



photo by Leah Kron

Being blocked by the Johnston programming filter, senior editor-in-chief Kari Dockum works on the April issue of *The Black & White*. "Working late on paste-up nights isn't always fun, but I want the paper to be quality since my name is on it as the editor," Dockum said.



photo by Ben Vander Ploeg

Interviewing athletic director Gary Ross, senior Kyle Hanson and junior Nels Engblom ask about the new fitness center for a story. The topic of the story was about how the fitness center was temporarily converted into the lunch room.



photo by Leah Kron

Switching hands to better hear her call, senior opinion editor Veronica Roshek jots down notes while trying to complete her story. Her story involved Spring Fling week before prom and the new addition of dress-up days.

Searching

for a picture he needs, senior Bryan Lippincott, looks through his folder for the picture to import on his page. Lippincott participated in newspaper since his sophomore year.



photo by Leah Kron

Viewing

her page with senior Lee Yocum, sophomore Julia Manning asks for advice. "Designing a page takes a lot more time than it seems, but seeing the end result is worth the time," Yocum said.



photo by Ethan Kalerera



“The development of the Planned Parenthood backpage probably caused the most controversy between members of the J-lab.”

Torey Robinson '08



photo by Katie Norris



Intimidating in his way, junior Adam Helgesen grows tired of senior Nikki Ward's character presence. "It was really hard not to make that face with someone like Adam in your face pretending to be tough," Ward said.



photo by Katie Norris

Painting the set, senior Tim Clay volunteers his time to the spring play after he enjoyed participating in the fall play. "I just showed up that day and decided to help paint," Clay said. "It's a good way to contribute. I wasn't in the spring play. We painted ourselves afterwards, it was sweet."

Practicing their duet together, seniors Julia Steggerda and Sam Han prepare for the fall play. "It was different than any other play," Steggerda said. "I've never been in a play with a musical background. It was a lot of hard work to play at (the plays') speed."



photo Katie Norris

Scaring Mr. Tartleton (senior Jordan Van Essen) with a threat to make up for his past discretions, junior Sarah Engstrom holds Van Essen at gunpoint. "I think the play is under-rated at this school, you get to see a different side of people during the play," Engstrom said.

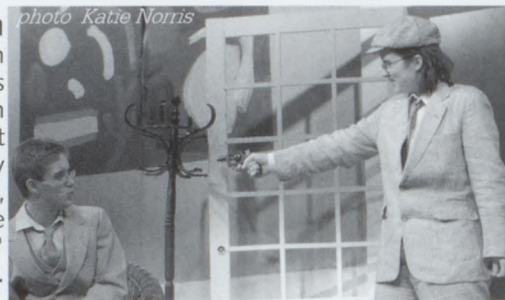


photo Katie Norris



“ Doing everybody's hair was a lot of fun. To this day, Garnier Fructis makes me think of the play. **”**

Kylie Kinsey '10



Reacting to her daughter's ridiculousness, junior Heidi Bibler plays Mrs. Tarleton. "It was the mother and daughter scene of the play," Bibler said. "(It was the) hardest scene to learn to do, it was a very intense sex talk part."



photo by Katie Norris

Falling into Mr. Percival's arms (junior Anthony Terronez) Ms. Tarleton (senior Lauren Cordes) has her dreams of courting come true. "This is me and Lauren almost kissing," Terronez said. "I felt pretty good about it, she's pretty cool. I had no trouble (catching her)."

photo by Katie Norris



Play



Nikki Ward



Kylie Kinsey



Erik Anderson



Ryan Birmingham



Lauren Cordes



Falling for acting

play participants are introduced to competitive acting

With her acting passion thriving as the competition went on, junior Heidi Bibler breathes with excitement as her favorite line approaches. "I'm not accustomed to being spoken to in that tone, Mrs. whatever-your-name-is," she speaks as her character Mable Grace, in her "Red Peppers" performance. Bibler and most of her fellow fall play participants stepped up to compete with small excerpts of plays in the Iowa State High School State Speech Association.

"It was a really good experience," Bibler said. "It prepared me for having to do a performance. Right before you go on, no matter how well you know your lines, you get scared, (but) it's a thrilling experience to give a performance for people to see."

Senior Jordan Van Essen participated in the competitions in the "Diaries of Adam and Eve." For Van Essen, Johnston's participation was long overdue. "A lot of other schools (compete), and it's about time we did," Van Essen said. "(Competitions were) a lot more individual, (it was) the first time we got to read a play with scripts as performing. We

didn't have to memorize lines."

The experience registered as a team event for junior Cody Lenz, who was a member of the "Red Pepper" song and dance performance, which created a different aspect to a new scene. "We had to work to help and trust each other (for competitions)," Lenz said. "(There) was a lot of singing and dancing in 'Red Peppers.' Behind the scenes (there was) perfecting, arguments, (and) talking about it." The performers in the "Red Peppers" play perfected their routine enough to get three II ratings from their participation in the one act part of competitions.

Frequent play member senior Lauren Kacere found time too crunched to participate in the competitions but remained happy for her fellow actors, despite her being unable to perform herself. "Because I was preparing for audition material (for) college, other acting, and musical theatre programs, I ran out of time," Kacere said. "Competitions got people more pumped up for the cause. I was excited for them."

Play director Paul Miller participated in acting competitions when he was in high school, which gave him the inspiration to have his students compete. "I thought it would be good to have (the) kids involved in theatre, and (they could) work up to their potential," Miller said. "I was really excited about their accomplishment. I think they learned what it takes to make a performance what they want it to be." *Spread by Ethan Kumbera and Katie Norris.*





Audrey Bell & Alicia Rollison



Elena Malychova & Megan Rollison



Alison Blakely & Paige Sanders



Katelyn Ingersoll



Jeremy Mullen



Dan Scannell

new traditions SAIL acts on fresh and old ideas for fall, spring **afoot**

New changes have always been made to the SAIL retreats, but this time a wave of new experiences awaited campers. The number of participants was significantly higher than before. Not only was there a greater number, but the grade ratios were nearly equal. The size made the YMCA camp in Boone finish cabins faster in order to accommodate the large number of students. Due to people residing near the dining hall, a new senior spot could be established. Instead of in one the circles of cabins, it was held outside Cedar cabin. "I liked the location," senior Mike Schultz said. "Everyone had the chance to talk. It was a great experience, the best one out of all the times I've gone."

The size was just the beginning of the differences, since within that large group many adaptable leaders emerged. "The mentality of our leaders more easily went with the flow," advisor Alicia Rollison said. "They were used to us trying new things or changing things year to year than in years past."

Even sophomores who were new to the SAIL leadership retreat stood up as small group leaders. One of them, Cortney King didn't feel like an underclassman. "I thought (being a leader) was really awesome," King said. "As a sophomore you don't have much of a chance to

feel equal with everyone else."

Another new idea brought about by a night of brainstorming was the introduction of note cards. Every year, students are asked to think of ways to bring what they learned at SAIL back to the school. Until this retreat, these had never been in any tangible form. Senior Chelsea Berry was one of those who helped to come up with the idea. "It motivates people to strive to (meet) goals (and not) push it off," Berry said. Students sent their note cards to their history class, so every person had a place to which to address it.

Another fresh beginning orchestrated was the hope of a spring retreat/lock-in. "(It's) still in progress, (it would) open (SAIL leadership opportunities) up to more students," senior Veronica Roshek said. "It's a good way for seniors at the end of the year to pass down roles to juniors (and) get them set up in a better place (so) they know what they're going to do right away (next year)." The lock-in was to be held at school so no funding was needed. The spring retreat idea had always been a hope of the SAIL team that finally found its landing. *Spread by Katie Norris.*



Repelling herself down the rock climbing wall junior Anna Kurns finishes her free time activity. "When I heard it crack, it sounded like the wall was breaking," Kurns said. "I was really afraid, but it was okay."



photo by *Mindy Dickerson*

Acting out "the-ridiculously-long-I'm-going-to-miss-you-for-forty-four-minutes" hug, seniors Sam Han and Rachel Lang participate in the warm fuzzy skit. "It was all Sam, he's such a professional," Lang said. "It was just silly, we just winged it, (and) it ended up being okay."



photo by *Katie Norris*

Swallowing her nerves, senior Caitlin Larkin finally makes her jump off the platform of the zipline. "I was only the third person to go; that's why I was so scared (and) because I'd never done it before."



photo by *Sammy McConeghey*

Adding fun to free time junior Miles Summa and friends begin a dunking contest. "During free time a couple of friends and I played basketball," Summa said. "They had the hoops lowered so we decided to have a contest. It was really fun."

photo by *Katie Norris*

SAIL

Trying to fit the oversized mattress into its bunk, senior Renee Pike and junior Allyse Strawhacker prepare to leave the retreat. "I was sad to have to leave the sail retreat because I knew that it was my last one," Pike said. "It will be a time I'll never forget."



photo by Katie Norris

Participating in the trust fall activity, sophomore Jenna Devens smiles at the fun of teamwork. "I was actually pretty excited to do it," Devens said. "It was cool that everyone could work together as a team (and) have fun. I was glad I did it."



photo by Mindy Dickerson



“ I like that in the small groups you get to be with different people. I think that the (activity helps us) to get along and people get to speak more. ”

Mindy Dickerson '09



photo by Mindy Dickerson





Elevating their arms, seniors Julia Steggerda and Lindsey Tosch use facials to capture the audience. "Facials make you interesting," Steggerda said. "Faces help tell a story and evoke emotion not only in the performer, but also in the audience."

Photo by Cody Zoss



Teaming up, seniors Alle Moffitt and Derek Furrow get back to back during their song "Shining On." "'Shining On' was a fun song to perform together," Moffitt said.

Photo by Erin Funk



"I felt like a smurf having to wear an all blue tuxedo."



Kory Plagge '08



Show

Striking a pose, sophomores Steven Williams and Riley Johnson rehearse for their upcoming competition in Urbandale while performing "We Didn't Start the Fire." "Riley and I got into the choreography a lot because we're best friends," Williams said.



photo by Megan Kello

Emphasizing their choreography, junior Staci Smith and sophomores Cortney King and Nick Evans gear up for their Urbandale competition. "It's nice to be in a group of people that all have the same passion to sing and dance," King said.



photo by Megan Kellogg

Accentuating their dance moves, junior Alison Blakely and sophomore Ryan Bower, get into their song "Good Time." "It was a blast, because everybody brought a ton of energy together for our show," Bower said.

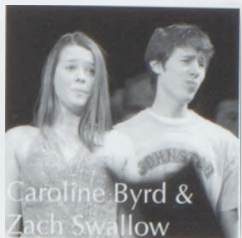


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Choir



Caroline Byrd & Zach Swallow



Natalie Cunningham



Ciera Lundgren & Jacob Vander Ploeg



Leslie Tosch



Deidre Spry & Beth Floogenauber



Lindsay Timmons

composing a legacy

choirs harmonize the old and new with innovative changes

When directors Jody White and Wendy Haight announced their retirement at the end of 2007, all hopes of the show choirs repeating their success were suddenly put on hold. "It was a total shock," senior Lindsey Tosch said, regarding the retirement of her directors. "We were all wondering what was going to happen next year."

Both show choirs were coming off spectacular seasons. The varsity show choir, Innovation, was named National Grand Champion in Branson, Missouri; the JV show choir, Synergy, placed second in the finals at a grueling S.E. Polk competition. Living up to the legacy left by White and Haight was difficult for the new directors coming in.

New directors, Sarah VanWaardhuizen for Innovation and Ted Brimeyer for Synergy, lacked the experience that the former directors had obtained while teaching at Johnston. Brimeyer had recently graduated from Iowa State, and VanWaardhuizen taught for only a short time at Ankeny.

"At the beginning we had a lot of kids that quit," junior Leslie Tosch explained. "A lot of people didn't want to even give the new directors a chance." Despite original convictions, however, the students soon discovered their new directors' enthusiasm and relentlessness. This passion brought dramatic changes to the show choirs, rejuvenating the hype that had surrounded them previous years.

One of the biggest surprises of the year was the incorporation of a surprise ballad during the Urbandale competition. The ballad was a tribute to the show choir parents and served as a moving "thank you" for the parents' support and for all the energy that went into raising their children. "I think the surprise ballad was very effective," junior Allison Kane said. "As soon as we got to the chorus we had mothers crying all over. I think (they) cried after hearing it because they don't get to hear very often from teenagers that we love them and we're thankful they're here."

The biggest struggle for students adapting to their new directors came during the week of the Madrigal dinner, a series of performances that mimicked life in the Old English days. For the performances, VanWaardhuizen and Brimeyer decided to add new songs while taking older ones out. Senior Liz Fuller believed this concept of combining the old and new was crucial to the choirs' cohesion.

"Most of us thought we had a lot of success with the old teaching styles and we wanted to keep those styles instilled in our minds," Fuller said. "The new styles have given us a different perspective to what else there is in the musical world." With these new perspectives in mind, the new directors were eager to leave their own mark on the show choirs, while maintaining the competitive level that the previous directors left behind. *Spread by Cody Zoss and Megan Kellogg.*



Raising her microphone, senior Trista Woody captivates the audience with her love song. "The fun thing about my solo was that it was about being in love, so every time I would find a guy in the audience to sing my song to," Woody said.





Amy Lovejoy



Team Black



David Helmer & Micheal Lunn



Drew Wilson



Jessica Pray



Team Red

Intramurals.

student council attracts students with new and interesting activities

intrigue

Senior Sam Grasso had one goal in mind when starting his position as activities director: he wanted to bring students together through a variety of new intramural activities. "I tried to involve as many people as possible," Grasso said. "I wanted to include activities that would appeal to all types of people."

There were many new activities: eating contests, volleyball, basketball, Guitar Hero III/NCAA football, dodgeball and soccer. The new activities brought out intramural first-timer, senior Kari Dockum. "I didn't think that I was going to enjoy it just because I haven't played basketball in four years, but I ended up having a good time," Dockum said.

Dockum attended the intramural basketball game and played on a team with seniors Bryan Lippincott and Darin Davis. "Basketball was three-on-three and there had to be one girl," Dockum said. "Most teams had four or five people on them but we only had three. Some teams got to rotate their girl out, but I had to play the whole time with all the guys." Although their team only had three members, Dockum stayed positive. "We almost made it to the championship, which was pretty impressive since the other two teams left each had five players," Dockum said.

Another newcomer to intramurals was junior Nickie Meyer. "I went to the basketball

intramural because it sounded like a lot of fun," Meyer said. "I was on a team with (senior) Alex Battani and (juniors) Matthew Trillet, Jeremy Mullen and Lindsay Timmons. We called ourselves G-Squared because we thought it was funny."

After going to one intramural, students were more than ready to attend the next. "I really hope I am able to go to the next one; it was more fun than I expected it to be," Meyer said. "I think that it would be fun to go to another one, even if I don't know how to play the sport. I will always be able to pretend I did again."

Intramurals brought in more people who had never gone before. "There was always consistent participation and everyone had fun," Grasso said. "I liked having people that I had never seen at intramurals in the past coming to my intramurals." Grasso still thought that he could make a change to better the intramural activities. "I would have changed the order of the intramurals to include more athletes that were in-season at the time."

New intramural activities established themselves to be fun for everyone. "Intramurals have proven themselves to be an easy, fun way of getting to know new people and out of the house," Grasso said. *spread by Makayla Coulson and Mindy Dickerson*



Student Council

Quenching her thirst, junior Anna Kurns sips on her cup of orange juice at the blood drive put on by Student Council. "I figure that I would want someone to donate blood for me, so I decided to donate blood too," Kurns said.

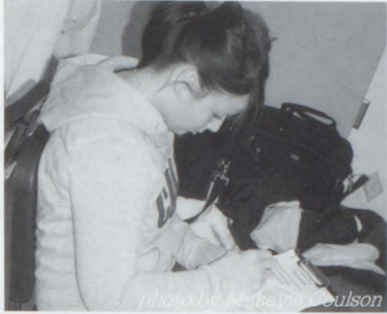


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Completing the necessary forms, sophomore Nikki Kyllonen waits to donate blood at the school's annual blood drive. Many students wishing to donate were denied because they didn't have enough iron in their blood.



photo by Matt Courtney

Stationing teams participating in Rock Around The Clock, sophomore Jessica Pray directs the tangerine team to their next challenge. "Student council was very organized and well prepared, which made the individual tasks more fun," said senior Caitlin Larkin.

Conversing with student council advisor Chris Beguhn, sophomore Julia Manning talks about the upcoming Spring Fling week. The week was a great success, producing a huge variety of creative costumes for student's favorite theme day, "ER" day.



photo by Makayla Coulson

Designing posters to inform students of the upcoming prom activities, junior Adam Helgeson finishes a sign. "Making posters is just one of the many things we do in student council meetings," Helgeson said. "I'm not so artistically inclined, so my posters aren't the best."



photo by Makayla Coulson



photo by Ryan Birmingham

Matching in red silk boxers and the same blue t-shirt, juniors Heidi Bibler and Cody Lenz dress up for Twin Day. "We were so excited that we found the boxers at Sears for 90% off!" Bibler said.



"My favorite part was volunteering at Amos-Hiatt Middle School where we help kids with homework. It was so much fun and a rewarding experience."
Amy Lovejoy '09



photo by Makayla Coulson



photo by Abby Weaver

Taking inspiration from an idea book at the state journalism competition, juniors Erin Funk and Olivia Schiefelbein point out things they like. "The convention is always fun," Schiefelbein said. "There are so many things going on and ideas for the book."



photo by Katie Norris

Opening the first box of yearbooks, advisor Leslie Shipp, senior editor Leah Kron, and senior Ciera Lundgren examine the *Blown Away* book. "People can always find something wrong with a yearbook," Shipp said. "Especially the people who created it."



“The best thing about yearbook is definitely the people. There are so many different personalities that keep the room entertaining.”

Ciera Lundgren '08



Yearbook

Enjoying their dessert, senior Sammy McConeghey and junior Erin Funk eat out at the national journalism convention in Philadelphia. "Philly was amazing because I got to learn about journalism and be with my friends at the same time," Funk said.



Placing pictures into the senior ads at the back of the book, freshman Faisal Alabsi works on the computer. Senior ads were traditionally assigned to the incoming freshmen because they were easier for new staff members to complete.



photo by Jordin Robinson

Passing time, senior Bethany Christenson does sophomore Megan Kellogg's hair. "Since Megan has awesome hair like me, I decided that we should join forces and have awesome hair together," Christenson said.

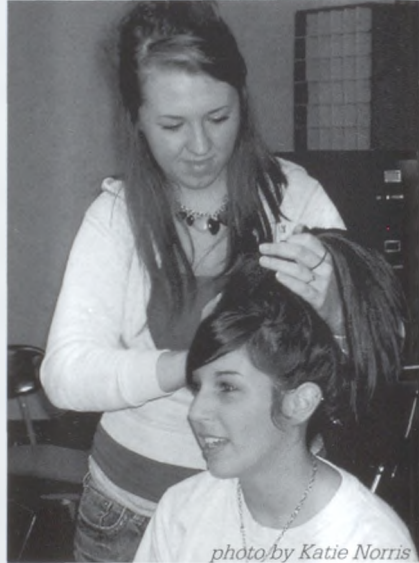


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Cory Gagne



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Katie Norris & Amanda Gabbert

unique design aids staff members revel in first crown nomination superior status

The Pacemaker and Crown were the two highest honors that could be bestowed upon any yearbook staff in the country and were hardly ever both given to a single book in one year. The 2006-2007 *Dragon* staff won a Silver Crown and a Gold Columbia Crown, and was also nominated for a Pacemaker for their 2006-2007 book. "Last year's book was very original," senior editor Cory Gagne said. "It was unlike anything Johnston has made before, but it also stood out among other books from other schools."

The unique layouts featured in the 2006-2007 book were what initially stood out to judges. A horizontal shape separated the book from others, and the spreads were designed to resemble a scrapbook. "I think the horizontal layout is a key to making us pop out to the judges," senior Abby Weaver, photo editor, said. "After seeing the same shape book over and over again, and then seeing a different layout, our book stood out more to the judges."

Another design element vital to the Crown nomination was the organization of the theme. Gagne believed the great coverage and well carried-out theme were important aspects

of the 2006-2007 book, *Blown Away*. The staff carried the scrapbook theme throughout the entire book, a feat that did not go unnoticed by judges. "The design aspect made *Blown Away* Crown worthy," senior Sammy McConeghey, subeditor, said. "Bringing the theme together into one book is what got us noticed."

Although the book was applauded by judges at Columbia and the Journalism Education Association, the staff encountered some problems in the making of *Blown Away*. Falling behind on deadlines and discussions about what should have been the theme of the book prevented the staff from incorporating everything they wanted into the book. "The lateness on our deadlines really held us back, and we couldn't do everything we wanted," junior Olivia Schiefelbein, subeditor, said.

The obstacles that faced the creators of the book were eventually overcome. "I think we just stood out more than other or previous books," senior Katie Norris, subeditor, said. "With our design, we took a bigger risk, but we also stayed simple going with black and white. The contrast between the risky layouts and the classic colors is what really got noticed by the judges." *Spread by Caitlin Larkin, Sammy McConeghey, and Ethan Kumbera*



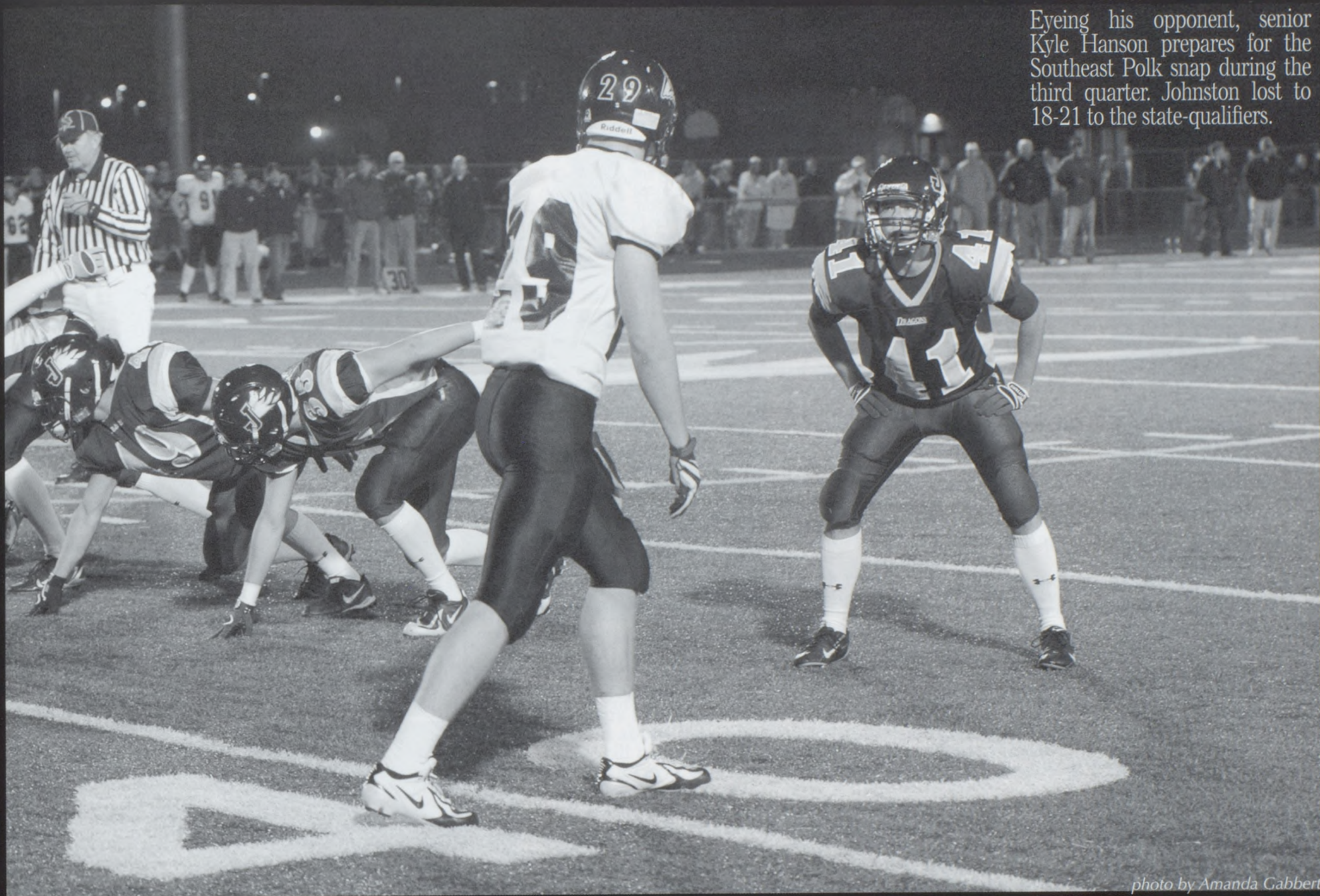
Enjoying the chocolate fondue fountain brought to a class party, senior Sam Dearden dips her strawberry into the chocolate. The staff had numerous parties throughout the year, celebrating different accomplishments and holidays.

photo by Cory Gagne



sizing up the pieces

Sports were undoubtedly a source of pride throughout the 2008 school year. Each JHS athletic **piece** was put to the test, sizing up its ability to face whatever challenges were thrown its way. However, every team rose to meet the pressures of the scrutiny both in little ways and large ones. From a JV wrestler stepping up to the state meet to a state championship volleyball team, each sports team contributed a more than memorable **piece** to the year. These **pieces** were put to the test, not only by spectators but by the athletes themselves, and all experienced countless victories.



Eyeing his opponent, senior Kyle Hanson prepares for the Southeast Polk snap during the third quarter. Johnston lost to 18-21 to the state-qualifiers.

photo by Amanda Gabbert

Baseball

- 4-3 at Valley
- 2-1,3-2 Ankeny
- 9-8,13-14 at North Scott
- 13-6,13-2 Indianola
- 20-3,13-2 Hoover
- 3-7,4-11 at Urbandale
- 10-0 DC Grimes
- 8-2,3-1 Dowling Catholic
- 4-3,4-7 at S.E. Polk
- 19-2 at Ankeny
- 2-1 Roosevelt
- 15-9 Fairfield
- 1-0,5-3 at Indianola
- 5-2,2-5 Urbandale
- 8-3,12-2 at Dowling
- 10-14,11-1 at Mason City
- 8-9,3-5 S.E. Polk
- 2-4 at Ankeny
- 2-1,16-5 at Marshalltown
- 9-7 at Sioux City East
- 11-0 at Lewis Central
- 11-8,17-2 at North
- 6-8 East

All-District: Danny Cahill, Austin Denny, Bryan Lippincott
 Second Team All-District: Ryan McCauley, Jon Bunting
 All-Conference: Austin Denny, Danny Cahill
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 Greg Larpenter, Ryan Torgerson
 H.M. All-Conference: David Temple, Eric Tubbs, Jon Bunting,
 Troy DuBay
 Elite All-State: Danny Cahill
 First Team 4A All-State: Austin Denny

27-10

Sophomore Jonathan Nelson slides to third at the varsity game against Indianola. Johnston went on to win both games of the double header 13-6 and 12-2.



photo by Abby Weaver

Sitting in the dugout, senior Jacob Pfundheller watches his teammates. The team set a national record for the most triples in a single season. "It was surprising; at first I thought it was a state record but when I found out it was a national record I was stoked," senior Austin Denny said.



photo by Abby Weaver

Rounding third base, junior Troy DuBay smiles. DuBay scored a homerun that ended the senior night game with the 10-run rule against Council Bluffs Lewis Central.

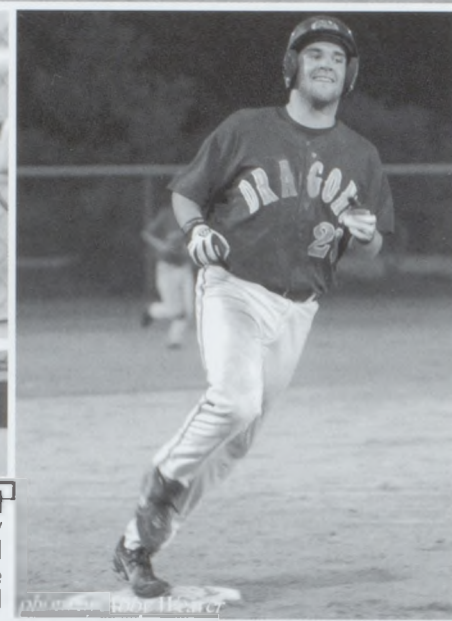


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Junior Reid Jewell slides back to second base during the double header against Dowling Catholic on June 14. The boys went on to win both of their games with scores of 8-2 and 3-1.

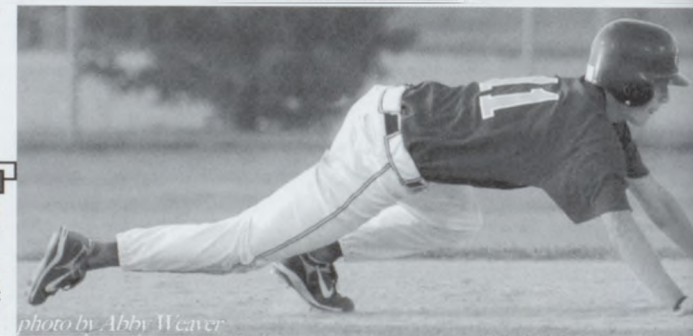


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Trip to tournament terminated

team misses chance at going to state

The bright sunlight illuminated the field, mirroring the varsity baseball team's hope for the game to come. The sub-state game against East was an important one. It was the game that would get the boys to the next round and hopefully to the state tournament. "None of us wanted anything more than a state title," junior Ryan McCauley said.

The team was ranked fifth at the beginning of the season. Before they played Urbandale, they moved up to second in the state and started their season with a 4-0 record. With this success, the team believed that its hope for winning state was very realistic.

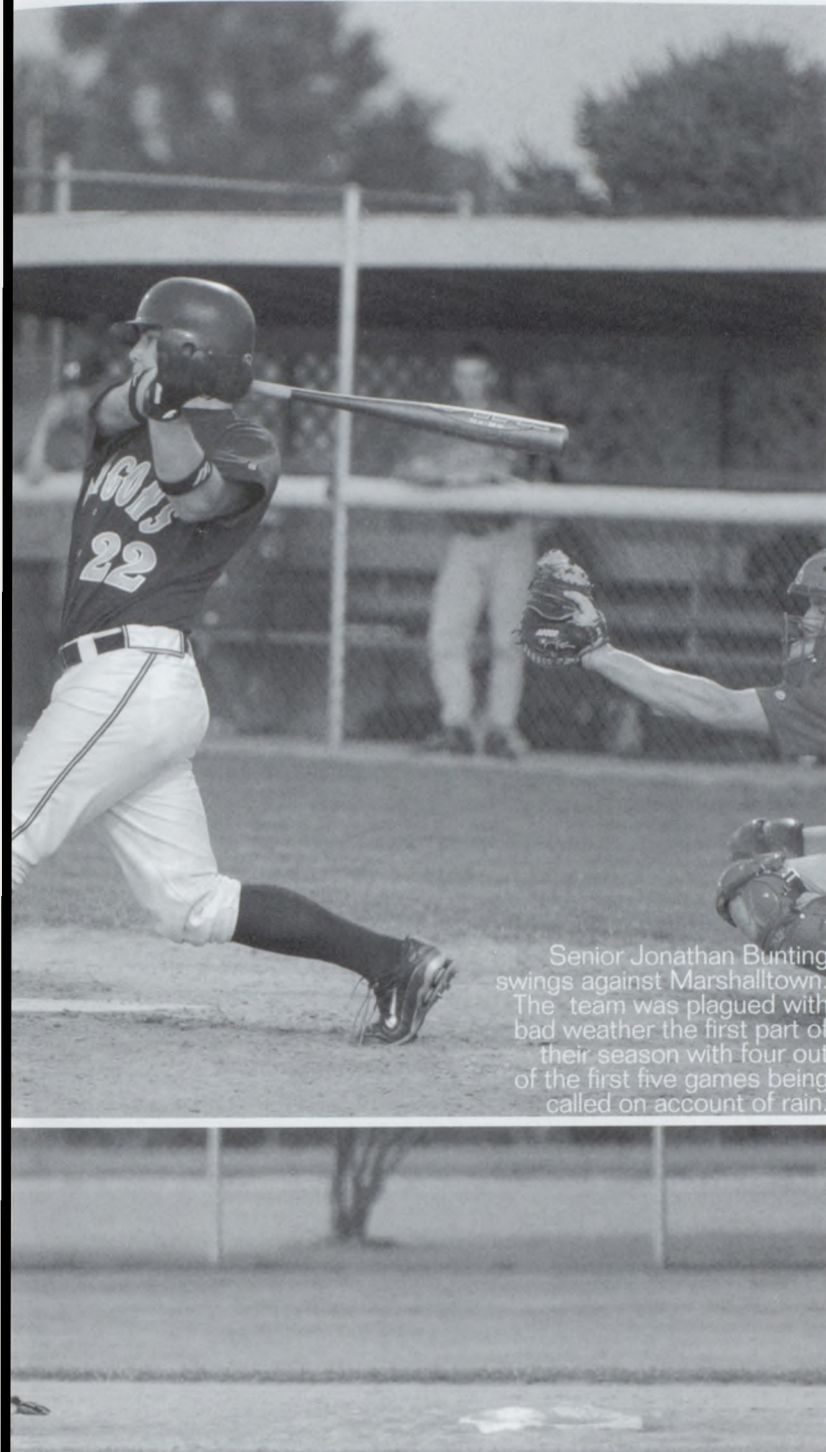
Beating East was important to the players. The previous year, East had 10-pointed them and they wanted a chance to prove to themselves that they could beat East. Head coach Randy Wee watched as the boys took the lead and then again as they lost it. "The team jumped out to an early lead, which was short lived due to some walks, hits and errors," Wee said.

Throughout the game, the boys tried to keep positive. However, the score was 8-6 during the seventh inning, with East in the lead. "(We) never thought we were going to lose until the seventh inning," senior Austin Denny said. "It kinda hit us when there were (only) two outs left."

The boys were defeated as they walked over to Wee for a post-game talk. "Everyone was crushed," junior Bryan Lippincott said. "We all wanted it so bad, but then we started trying to remember good times from the year."

Denny remembered the words Wee told them. "(Wee) talked about how whether we won or lost that game, he was still proud of us because it was one of the funnest teams he ever coached, and he had a lot of fun coaching us," Denny said.

It was a bittersweet ending to an almost perfect season. While the team had set a new national record for most triples in a single season, the ultimate goal of attending the state tournament was not met. "I'm sure every one of our players would trade the record (to make) it to state," McCauley said. *Spread by Abby Weaver and Sammy McConeghey.*



Senior Jonathan Bunting swings against Marshalltown. The team was plagued with bad weather the first part of their season with four out of the first five games being called on account of rain.



Jarrod Steen



Danny Cahill



Troy DuBay



Austin Denny



Ryan McCauley



Ryan Torgerson



Josh Camos

Basketball *as a game*

Fewer expectations for team allows for focus on fundamentals

The varsity basketball players walked into the gym ready to warmup for their game. However, there was something different about the boys. Because the team was not ranked at the beginning of the season, there was less stress during games, allowing for more focus on fundamentals.

Going into the season, the boys' basketball team was left with only two of their top seven players. For some teams this may have caused frustration. However, senior Thomas Lashier felt that because the team wasn't ranked during preseason, there was less pressure. The team wasn't expected to beat every team, so they could focus more on improving instead of their win-loss record.

The team knew it could be better than the rankings showed. "(At the beginning of the season) I thought we were going to be able to do more than people expected," junior Tyler Smith said. "During the summer people were playing and we knew we'd gotten better."

Senior Evan Summa agreed. "The fans might have thought less of the team, but we always thought we could do it, and we did," Summa said. "We beat some pretty good teams, like Dowling."

The team said the main reason it was able to beat challenging teams was the way the players all worked together. "There were a lot of good surprises from the players," head coach Bobby Sandquist said. "People that kind of stood on the sidelines last year became powerhouses. We just had a lot of pleasant surprises from the players. Every player stepped up and made us proud."

Coming out of the season, the team had improved and unified. "We improved from last year and they improved during the year; every practice, they just kept getting better," Sandquist said. "The first eleven games we (won) five (and lost) six; the second (eleven) we won eight."

Their efforts didn't result in a higher ranking at the end of the season, but the team felt like it had accomplished more important things. "We even beat our own expectations and showed we knew how to handle a ball," Smith said.

Spread by Zach Jensen and Kristine Hauser.

Jolting down the court, freshman Corey Schaefer drives past Mason City's guard Jon Heiny. "It was evident to our staff and players during his first varsity practice," coach Bobby Sandquist said, "that not only was Corey a good player but that he had the potential to make us a better team."



Taking a jump shot, senior Trent Fisher attempts to make the basket at the game against Marshalltown. Fisher led the team in scoring with 357 points this season and averaged 15.5 points a game.





photo by Zach Jensen

Senior Michael Elming gets fouled on his way to the basket by Mason City's guard Noah Huisman at a home game. "I think the team improved a lot over the course of the season," Elming said. "We struggled early in the year, but we fixed a few flaws, and by the end of the year we were a hard team to beat."



photo by Zach Jensen

Senior Daniel Sutherland sprints down the floor attempting to score at the quarterfinal substate game against Valley. The boys won in overtime and later played S.E. Polk in the semifinal substate game where they lost.

Boys' Basketball

East	52-46
at Roosevelt	57-50
Valley	51-58
at Ankeny	52-55
at Ames	49-64
at Indianola	54-37
Ottumwa	65-47
Urbandale	51-58
Dowling	50-56
Ankeny	76-62
S.E. Polk	57-66
at Hoover	50-45
Indianola	85-75
Mason City	68-44
at Urbandale	42-43
at Dowling	55-46
at Marshalltown	37-49
at S.E. Polk	59-55
North	86-52
Waukee	62-67
at Ft. Dodge	67-45
Valley (substate)	68-60
at S.E. Polk (substate)	38-48



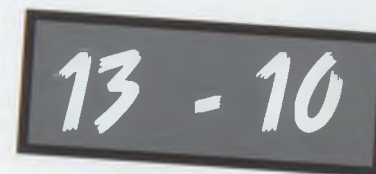
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Junior Justin Amick attempts to drive in the lane against Dowling Catholic's Colton Smith. Amick made 82% of his free throws, leading the team in foul shots. "We were always a couple plays away each game so we could have ended up only having one or two losses," Amick said



Thomas Lashier '08

Academic All-Conference: Daniel Conn, Michael Elming, Derek Foster, Tyler Kubik, Thomas Lashier, Corey Schaefer, Christian Schoper, Nicholas Smith, Miles Summa, Daniel Sutherland
 CIML 'Central' First Team All-Conference: Trent Fisher
 Second Team All-Conference: Michael Elming
 Honorable Mention: Justin Amick, Corey Schaefer, Evan Summa
 All-District Team: Trent Fisher



Winning ON paper

shooting average keeps girls from a winning season

Before a game, the varsity girls' basketball team would head to teacher Tim Brickley's room to study and prepare for the upcoming competition. Head coach Rich Gradoville would point out certain things that the girls needed to know about the opponents. Although the girls had watched tape and carefully prepared for the game, they still managed to fall short on the court. "We didn't average as many points as other teams did, and you need to do that to win games," senior Leslie Ware said.

With the scoring average lower than what was needed to win games, the girls had to try and compensate in other areas. Their averages for the season were higher than what was considered good for the CIML. According to Gradoville, the turn-overs, defensive averages, and offensive rebounds were the lowest they had been in nine years.

Many factors were to blame for the overall poor season that the girls encountered. "We had a few injuries which lasted pretty much the whole season and kind of took away some of our height which made (the season) a little tougher," Ware said.

The year was tough, but the girls managed to get close during the season. "We had hard but fun practices," junior Katelyn Sunde said. "We got very close as a team and had a great time at the pasta dinners." Even as they bonded, the girls continued to push through with the season.

Despite the togetherness, the team had trouble putting up a solid front when it came to conference meets. "As far as the CIML there was a lot of parity," Gradoville said. "So there wasn't much difference from the best teams to the lower teams." The conference challenged the top teams causing many close games within the CIML.

Some of the team members agreed. "The CIML is a very hard conference; every single game you have to come ready and prepared, and this year the competition was a lot better," Sunde said.

Although the final record left something to be desired, the girls still pushed on and managed to feel positively towards the season. "Even though it was one of our poorer records, it was one of the most enjoyable years to coach," Gradoville said. "These girls kept working hard because they knew good things were going to happen." *Spread by Olivia Schiefelbein and Abby Weaver*



Katelyn Sunde



Rachel Lang



Kate Nielsen



Jennifer Ross



Madison Thompson



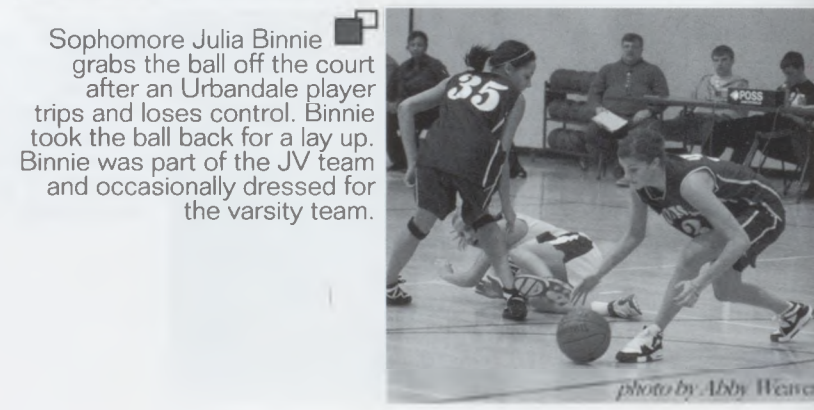
Lauren Lund



Leslie Ware



Junior Kate Nielsen barely stays in bounds while breaking away with the ball. Nielsen went on to make a basket, but the girls lost the game against Roosevelt 30-38.



Sophomore Julia Binnie grabs the ball off the court after an Urbandale player trips and loses control. Binnie took the ball back for a lay up. Binnie was part of the JV team and occasionally dressed for the varsity team.

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Watching the ball go into the net, senior Lesile Ware hits a three-pointer. Ware was the team's leading scorer with 195 points for the season, partly due to the fact she spent her time on the court between two positions: guard and off guard.



photo by Abby Weaver

Being double-teamed, senior Laura Hilby tries to find a way out of the Dowling defenders' trap. Hilby managed to pass the ball off to junior Kate Nielsen before it was stolen.



photo by Abby Weaver

Peering between the referee's legs, senior Lauren Lund waits for her time to join the game against Urbandale. The players had to check in at the score table, where they gave their number and then were allowed into the game.

Girls' Basketball

Waukee	30-48
at Fort Dodge	42-49
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Urbandale	50-45
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Ankeny	17-43
S.E. Polk	43-44
at Hoover	56-23
Indianola	50-43
Mason City	43-33
at Urbandale	40-28
Dowling Catholic	30-40
at Marshalltown	26-28
at S.E. Polk	27-37
North	60-22
Hoover	39-27
at Valley	30-39

2nd Team All-Conference: Leslie Ware
Academic All-Conference:

- Aleece Gustafson, Laura Hilby, Leah Kron, Rachel Lang, Lauren Lund, Maggie Thilges, Lesile Ware, Kate Nielsen, Abby Sonner, Rachel Chapman, Jennifer Ross, Tory Knuth, Spencer Lang, Loryn Reed, Keith Wiskirchen

Honorable Mention:

- Aleece Gustafson, Laura Hilby, Rachel Lang, Kate Nielsen

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Jordan Thompson, Mike Haxter, and Tim Blank



Torey Robinson



Jacob Asvegan



Brandon McBride



Sarah Blank



Jerrid Michener and Jake Klopfenstein



Jerrid Michener and Jake Klopfenstein

Sequence sparks confusion

position changes create chain reaction

The last bell rang and school was over. Sophomore Bailey Knapp left the building to head to a bowling meet. When she arrived at Plaza Lanes, she had to find coach Jeremy Yenger in order to figure out exactly which team she would be bowling for that night.

After losing their top bowler for a month, all the members of the varsity girls' bowling team moved up a position, causing Knapp to change from JV to varsity. "It gave me a chance to move up to varsity for some of the meets, but it also got confusing," Knapp said. "I would be running around before meets trying to find Yenger to see which team and spot I'd be on that day."

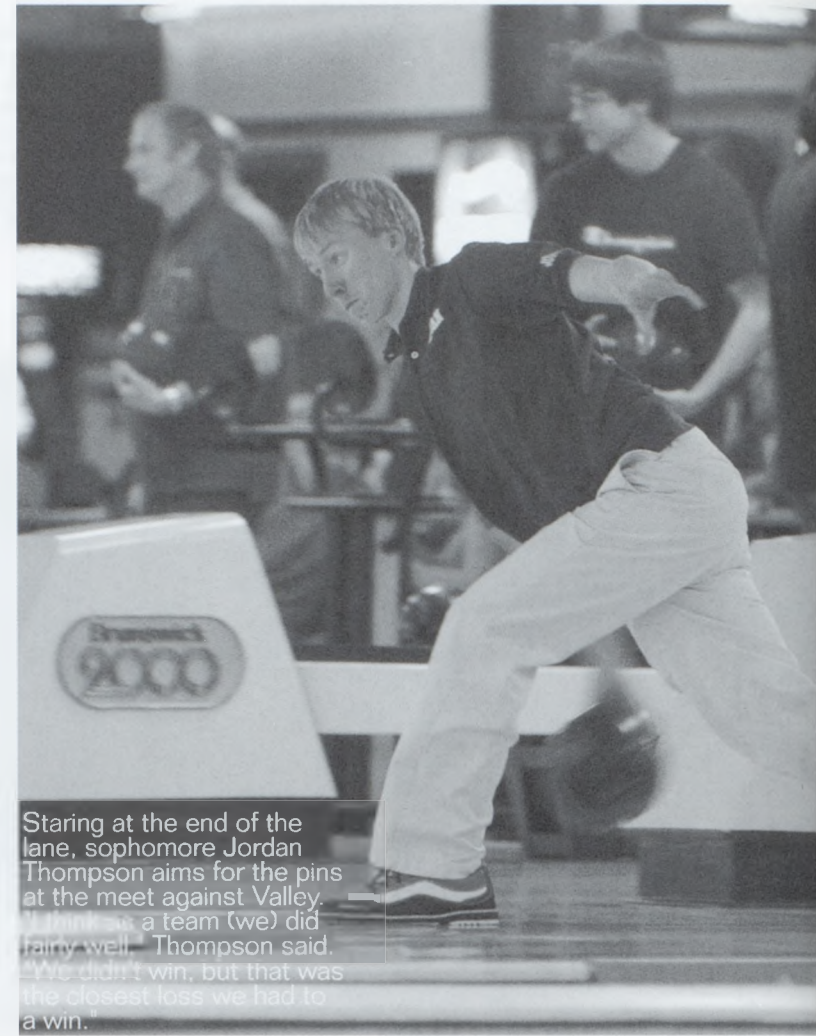
For some, the position changes made things more complicated. However, Yenger thought that all the transitions between team members were good. "Bowling, though a team sport, is an individual thing," Yenger said. "I look at scores (to decide positions and) there are no guarantees about scores."

Knapp moved up from the bottom varsity position and switched places with senior Torey Robinson. "I did not really mind," Robinson said. "It was what was best for the team and I still had fun."

When top bowler, junior Makenzie McFarland, returned to the team, Robinson thought she would not be able to bowl at districts due to her being knocked down to JV. "It bummed me out at first because I had worked hard to stay on varsity all season," Robinson said. "I understood why it had to be that way, but I was still disappointed."

The feeling didn't last long because later Robinson found out that Knapp would be out of town the weekend of districts. "It's kind of a bummer I missed it, but I'm only a sophomore and I plan on bowling next year; I'll get my chance," Knapp said. "At least I gave another bowler a chance to go."

To take Knapp's place for districts, Robinson moved back to varsity. Overall, the girls placed eighth. "As an individual, I bowled the best game I ever had in competition," Robinson said. "As a team we did really well in comparison to our past meets." *Spread by Amanda Gabbert*



Staring at the end of the lane, sophomore Jordan Thompson aims for the pins at the meet against Valley. "I think as a team (we) did fairly well," Thompson said. "We didn't win, but that was the closest loss we had to a win."

Junior Erin Funk throws her ball down the lane, hoping to get a strike. "The best moment (of the season) was when (senior) Torey (Robinson) and I went out to eat after the state meet," Funk said. "It was really fun to celebrate how awesome she did."



photo by Jon Krueger



photo by Jon Krueger



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Trying to ignore all the noise, senior Lindsey Tosch prepares for her turn at the meet against Valley. "The season went okay, but I wish it could have gone better," Tosch said. "(I should have) practiced harder than I did."



photo by Jon Krueger

Getting some helpful tips, junior Nick Overton carefully listens to coach Jeremy Yenger. "Yenger is a cool guy who is a fun coach because of his attitude on bowling," Overton said.



photo by Amanda Gabbert

Sophomore Britta Pohlman swings her arm back, trying to get maximum momentum at the last practice before districts. "(I felt) nervous and afraid about how I would do (at districts)," Pohlman said.

Bowling

Varsity Girls

Ottumwa	4th out of 4
Dowling	1960-1938
Waukee	3rd out of 3
Urbandale	W-L
Invitational Tournament	4th out of 6
South East Polk	2085-2205
Waukee	L-W
Quad Meet	4th out of 4
Indianola	1857-2641
Quad Meet	3rd out of 4
Valley	L-W

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Varsity Boys

Ottumwa	4th out of 4
Dowling	2167-2359
Waukee	3rd out of 3
Urbandale	2213-2428
Invitational Tournament	5th out of 5
South East Polk	2852-3106
Waukee	L-W
Quad Meet	4th out of 4
Indianola	2635-2948
Quad Meet	3rd out of 4
Valley	L-W

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Switching squads *changes* chemistry

decision to adjust line-ups alters efficiency of cheers

Looking across the gym, the cheerleaders stood in their usual corner. However, they seemed to be getting less attention than usual. They did the same cheers and routines as in years before, but due to the lack of lifts and other stunts, the basketball fans became less interested in the cheerleaders.

The coaches made a decision to have no set squads for basketball cheerleading, hoping that it would ease tensions that occurred between squads in the previous years. "We decided not to have set squads to eliminate the competition that occurred between the squads last year," coach Kim Lane said. "We also wanted to give all the girls the chance to work with everyone instead of limiting them to the same seven people."

Senior Jordain Skarphol enjoyed the opportunity to cheer with a variety of people. "I didn't really mind it," Skarphol said. "It was fun cheering with different girls I've never cheered with."

Others believed that changing squads prevented them from being able to do the stunts that they would regularly perform during games. "We never knew who we were cheering with," junior Mickey Greene said. "We didn't really know if we could put up stunts until we met for games." The unfamiliarity with the different members of the squads made it difficult to prepare for the upcoming games.

Because of the new set up, practices were modified. "The only people that were actually practicing were the ones that were cheering that week," senior Lindsey Kiesling said. "The other girls would just sit around and do nothing, which resulted in us not even having practices anymore."

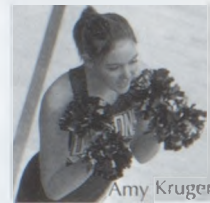
The chemistry of the squad was not as strong. "I feel as if I didn't get the chance to know the girls on a more personal level," senior Alex Swanson said. "It was disappointing after last year being really close to my winter squad." *Spread by Leah Kron.*



Courtney Rostle



Lindsey Kiesling



Amy Kruger



Jessica Johnson



Niki Feaster



Taylor Probst



Allie Wilmore



"Marching to the Beat," the cheerleaders start the most popular cheer in the CIML. Due to the differing line-ups in squads for each game, the cheerleaders could not do as many cheers with stunts, which caused them to use more basic cheers.


Senior Colby Lindsey  encourages the wrestlers by cheering at the meet against Dowling. Lindsey transferred from Dowling for her junior and senior year, so she enjoyed going back to see some of her old friends.



photo by Mindy Dickerson



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■ Preparing to start a cheer, senior Jordain Skarphol is lifted into the air. Three cheerleaders were lifted, each holding corresponding signs that they used to get the crowd to chant J-H-S.

photo by Abby Weaver



photo by Zach Jensen



■ Holding yellow roses to give to the seniors' mothers, the sophomore basketball cheerleading squad waits for senior night to start. "Senior night was bittersweet for me," sophomore Libby Elmitt said. "I'm excited to see the girls go off and start the next chapter of their lives, but it is always hard to say goodbye."

Cheerleading

Division 4A	6th
Large Group Stunt	
Johnston II	8th
Johnston I	11th



Shelby Brose '09

Getting into the game, junior Mickey Greene cheers for the boys' basketball team during the Roosevelt game. Even when Greene was not cheering at the games, she frequently attended to support the team from the stands.



Charlie Thuente



Austin Jensen

Bad luck *plagues* team

boys suffer misfortune throughout season

The seven members of the varsity lineup stepped up to the starting line in the drizzling rain at the district meet in Council Bluffs. The team knew from the beginning of the season it was a rebuilding year — six of seven members from the previous year were gone. However, they weren't anticipating this much bad luck.

According to head coach Dave Beason, the boys ended the season with four freshmen running varsity. "(We had) a very, young and inexperienced team that just ran their hearts out," Beason said. Junior Mike Faley and sophomore Alex Richards were plagued by injury and had an abrupt end to their varsity season, leaving the team with four freshmen, one sophomore, and two seniors on varsity.

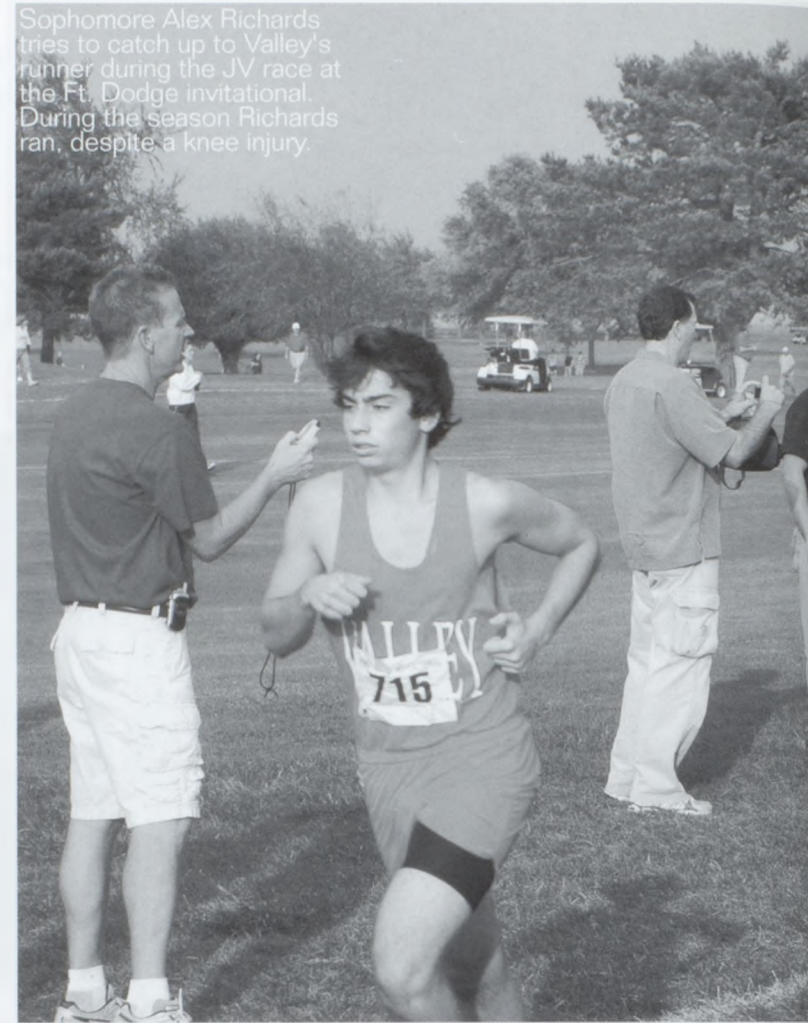
The night of the district meet proved there would be even more misfortune. Not only was it rainy and slippery, but freshmen varsity runner Drew Jackson also was sick and unable to run. "(I felt) horrible," Jackson said. "I let my team down, and I really wanted to run."

Although the team could easily have given up, they didn't. "I was really concerned that when Drew was sick they would toss their hands up and give up," Beason said. "But that wasn't their reaction; they went out, ran hard, and put their heart and soul into it."

The boys knew they had a long shot at getting into state. According to Beason, senior co-captain Derek Furrow wanted to return to state and individually qualify. Furrow fell twice during the race due to the slippery course and finished 16th, just six places away from qualifying as an individual. "I fell right at the beginning which hurt a lot (because) I was pushed back," Furrow said. "I fell again around the two mile. The course was ridiculously slippery. I came close, but couldn't quite get it done."

The team ended the meet with a seventh place finish, without qualification to the state meet. "Based on how the race went, I kinda knew we didn't make it to state," senior co-captain Grant Jacobson said. "(It was) frustrating especially after making state the past five years." *Spread by Sammy McConeghey and Megan Kellogg.*

Sophomore Alex Richards tries to catch up to Valley's runner during the JV race at the Ft. Dodge invitational. During the season Richards ran, despite a knee injury.



Keeping a steady pace, sophomore Nate Ostiguy runs the 9/10 Ankeny race. When the team received their numbers, Ostiguy said he was surprised to get his lucky number, 3238.





■ Sophomore Ben Jacobson focuses on staying ahead of the Valley runner during the middle of the race. "Beating Valley is the way to go," Jacobson said.



■ Senior Grant Jacobson leads the pack during the conference meet held at Indianola. Jacobson was co-captain along with senior Derek Furrow.



■ Keeping their eyes on the course ahead of them, senior Trevor Haden and freshman Lincoln Eppard stay focused at Ft. Dodge. "This season was hard because we had a young, inexperienced team," Eppard said.

Boys' Cross-Country

Ames Invite	6th
Johnston Invite	3rd
Valley Invite	5th
Roosevelt Invite	13th
Indianola Invite	11th
Ankeny Invite	5th
Fort Dodge Invite	10th
Central CIML	6th
Districts	7th
All-Conference: Derek Furrow	

12th



Jordan Handel '08

Birru breaks the books

how one girl broke the school record three times

At 5:30 a.m. the alarm would go off, and senior Obsie Birru would get up for her daily run. Birru started her day off with a run almost every morning to prepare for the cross-country season. She managed to break the 4K record three times in one season by training harder and longer in the summer than she had before. "It's everything I've been working for (for) the past four years," Birru said. "It made me want to work harder, harder than I've worked before."

Throughout Birru's four years of running varsity cross-country, she changed her training in many different ways. She altered her diet by drinking less caffeine and eating more. "I drink a lot of coffee, but this year I drank a normal amount of coffee and more Gatorade and water," Birru said.

The improvement was also noticed by the teammates who believed Birru was deserving of her achievements. "Obsie worked so hard and she wanted it so much," senior Sammy McConeghey said. "The first person I think of that should deserve this is her. The team was pushing themselves more than I think we ever have as a team."

The girls accomplished a lot throughout the season. They made it to state and were just one point away from placing third, behind Iowa City High. "It's hard to say we could have done better when we were already better than we have ever been," sophomore Anna Belner said. "It started pretty well, we worked hard and came together as a team and improved our times."

The team produced the biggest and best team in school history, with 55 girls running. "This was the best season in school history," head coach Pat Hennes said. "Obsie broke the record three times and placed fifth, the highest finish ever at state."

Birru, however, downplayed her achievements. "Cross-country isn't an individual sport but a team sport," Birru said. "Once we got going, things just started to fall into place."

Spread by Mindy Dickerson and Erin Funk



Brianna Stone, Laura Hilby & Katherine Bungegraal



Amanda Phillip & Jordan Sandquist



Amanda Walker-King & Amy Lovvick



Kayla Shuster



Lauren Doherty, Anna Belner & Malli Kipp



Ashlee Holbert, Amanda Phillip & Kristen Shoeman



Laura Hilby

Getting assistance with the dragon head, sophomore Jordan Sandquist dresses up as the mascot to support her fellow runners. Sandquist was injured part of the season and helped the team by cheering.



photo by Sammy McConeghey

Showing her long strides during the junior varsity race at Ft. Dodge, senior Maggie Thilges runs strong to finish. "I go out for the people; without the fun of the people and my friends I wouldn't go out," Thilges said.



photo by Sammy McConeghey



photo by Sammy Mcconeghey

Junior Elena Malycheva keeps her eye on the course ahead of her during the junior varsity race at the Ankeny Invitational. Malycheva had been running cross country since she was a freshman.



photo by Sammy Mcconeghey



photo by Sammy Mcconeghey

Senior Megan Junge stretches before a race, with the assistance of senior Gabby Warrick. "Partner stretching helps you so you're not tight during the race," Junge said.

Girls' Cross-Country

Fort Dodge Invite	2nd
Districts	1st
Conference	3rd
Ankeny Invite	2nd
Indianola Invite	11th
Roosevelt Invite	1st
Johnston Invite	1st
Ames Invite	1st

4th



Jocelyn Kleinschmidt '10

Using her singing skills, senior Liz Fuller performs the National Anthem during the home meet held at Walnut Ridge. Fuller also sang the anthem for numerous home softball games.

Team's *new talent* triumphs

Integration of new and old members makes for successful season

Generally, there was a cycle among athletic teams from year to year. Each spring, a few seniors would graduate to be replaced by younger athletes. Teams evolved, but rarely started anew. With only four returning members and seven new dancers, the varsity dance team broke this cycle. "This year felt like a new start," senior captain Courtney Coakley said. "There were so many new girls on the team this year that we basically got to start over."

Coakley had been on the team for four years, unlike brand new team member junior Jena Hansen. "Friends from my studio, Dance Vision, decided to go out as a group and try (dance team) out to see if we liked it," Hansen said.

Junior Kaeleigh Gebard also danced at Dance Vision and decided to go out for the team for the first time as a junior after being urged repeatedly to do so by her parents. "I think this year there was a lot of talent in the group," Gebard said. "I also think there was a lot of team leadership, not just from the captains, but from everyone."

The experience was pleasant for new and old members alike. Once the new members adjusted to the dynamics of the team, they fit right in. "I think this year's team was very successful," senior captain and returning member Alyssa Buckley said. "Combining rookies and veterans helped the team achieve a higher skill level."

Not only did the renewed team work together well, they also competed well. For the first time in over three years, the varsity team placed at the state competition. "We had been working hard all year and after we placed third with our lyrical dance we couldn't have been happier," Coakley said. The girls also placed fifth in both their jazz and pom routines, making for a very successful showing at state.

Adjustments had to be made for the varsity dance team that, in the end, paid off. Large amounts of new members made for a lot of work, but also for a lot of success. "I think this year's team was proof that hard work can really take a group of people far," Coakley said. *Spread by Cory Gagne*



Taylor Coakley



Kaeleigh Gebard



Audrey Henning



Hayley McDonald



Bethany Christenson

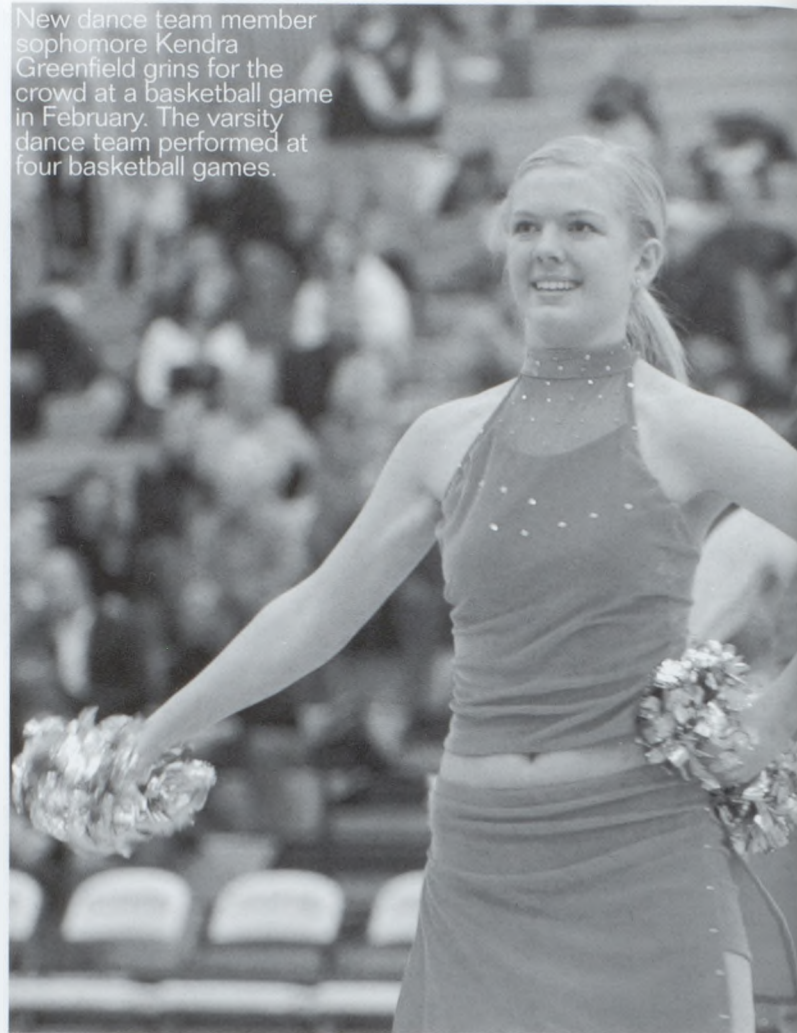


Courtney Coakley



Jena Hansen

New dance team member sophomore Kendra Greenfield grins for the crowd at a basketball game in February. The varsity dance team performed at four basketball games.

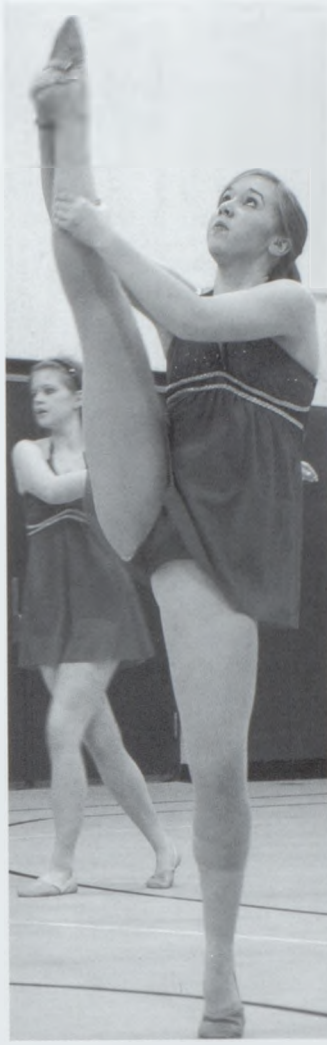


Varsity dance coach Christy Christensen inspects her dancers' exit after their lyrical number during a practice. "(The team) had a lot of new members and at times it made things more challenging because it was new to many of the members," Christensen said.





photo by Zach Jensen



Shouldering her leg, senior Courtney Coakley practices for the state competition in November. The varsity team placed in the top five at state for all three of their dances: lyrical, jazz and pom.



Freshman Molly Ward performs a kick for the student body at the homecoming assembly. Ward was a member of the JV dance team who only performed for the high school once a year.



Getting up off of her knees, freshman Allie Crist dances at a football game. Crist was one of two freshmen on the varsity team as most freshmen were members of the JV team.

Dance Team

Division I at State
3rd Place Lyrical
5th Place Jazz
5th Place Pom



Bethany Christenson '08

Football

- 54-0 Sioux City West
- 43-0 at Hoover
- 38-0 CB Thomas Jefferson
- 41-6 Fort Dodge
- 41-10 at Urbandale
- 45-14 Indianola
- 10-14 at Ankeny
- 18-21 South East Polk
- 34-14 at Dowling

All-Conference Players

First Team Offense: Justin Amick, Zach Guyer, Daniel Chapman

First Team Defense: Jake Baumgartner, Duane Hatfield, Jonathan Nelson

Second Team Offense: Aaron Schultz, Troy Dubay, Nick Bass, Tyler Wengert, Hunter Warne

Second Team Defense: Ryan McCualey, Adam Gillaspey, Sam Grasso, Michael Elming

7-2



Zach Guyer '08

Facing the town rival's defense, the offense lines up for the next play. According to head coach Brian Woodley, Urbandale was the team's first big test, and it showed how good the team actually was.



photo by Jon Krueger

Senior Kyle Hanson pushes the receiver, attempting to make it harder for him to catch the ball. "(Fort Dodge) was pretty good," Hanson said, "but once we got things plugged in, it was hard for them to keep up."



photo by Olivia Schiefelbein



photo by Abby Wengert



photo by Abby Wengert

Pushing himself against a Dowling player, junior Jake Baumgartner tackles him down.

After the game, the players charged the stands because it was the first time they had beat Dowling since moving to the 4-A division.



photo by Amanda Galtberg

Running past the Indianola players, sophomore Blake Hartsook reaches for the 25 yard line. Hartsook got his first receiving touchdown that night.

Controversial call destroys hope

one game ruins chance of making playoffs

As the clock ticked down at the Ankeny game, junior Aaron Schultz ran a quarterback sneak through Ankeny's defense and into the endzone. The crowd cheered in excitement, only to find out seconds later that the referees called it a fumble. "I crossed the goal line and made a touchdown but the refs didn't call it," Schultz said.

If the touchdown had been called, the ending score would have been 17-14, a victory for Johnston. Thus the team would have remained undefeated up until the time that they played S.E. Polk. Overall, the team would have only lost one game, making their overall record 8-1 and allowing them to go to playoffs.

This, however, was not how it all happened. The touchdown was not called. Therefore the team's overall record was 7-2, a school best, but not enough to vie for the state championship.

Many players were upset by the call but there were a few who were a little more understanding, such as senior Nick Hunsberger. "Honestly, the only people to really see it were the refs and the players on the field, but from where I was, I couldn't tell," Hunsberger said.

Head coach Brian Woodley later talked to Ankeny coach Jerry Pezzetti. "He liked our team, liked the way we play," Woodley said. "(Pezzetti) said the call could have gone either way and thought we were a deserving playoff team."

Many of the players also believed that the team should have been going to playoffs. "We should be in the playoffs because not only are we ranked tenth, but we have fifteen first and second all-conference players," junior Duane Hatfield said. "We only lost to two teams, with a combined score of seven, who were ranked in the top ten."

Along with the players, the coaches were also disappointed with not making playoffs. "(I'm) truly disappointed for the young men not being able to play in playoffs," Woodley said. "We had a great year, a great group of kids." *Spread by Amanda Gabbert and Azra Feriz.*



Jumping over the Ankeny players, senior Ryan McCauley attempts to get past the double team. "We just had a lot of missed opportunities," McCauley said. The boys went on to lose to Ankeny 10-14.



Blake Skartvedt



Duane Hatfield



Aaron Schultz



Nick Hunsberger



Sam Grasso



Keaton Schuck



Nick Bass

306-291 CIML (Veenker)
 154-153 Ankeny
 281-280 Ankeny Inv.
 322-294 Lincoln Inv.
 300-286 Valley Classic
 292-292 Ames Inv.
 301-288 Dragon Inv.
 332-318 Cedar Falls Inv.
 299-295 CIML (Jester park)
 150-162 Boone
 306-303 Districts
 629-606 State
 7th @ State

Boys' Golf

First Team All-Conference: Jared
 Walahoski, Mike Slavin,
 Brent Goodenow

Second Team All-Conference: Dain
 Opland, Mark Anderson



Jared Walahoski '08



Stepping up to his golf ball, junior Mike Slavin gets ready to putt. "Growing up in California, living by many courses, and my grandpa teaching me ever since I was four was what inspired me to play golf," Slavin said.

Taking a practice swing, junior Miles Summa lines up his chip to try and make it to the green. Summa's most memorable moment in golf was when Sean MCGowen hit the construction site at the Des Moines Driving Range.



photo by Zach Jensen



photo by Zach Jensen

Focusing on the hole, junior Tyler Waltz concentrates on trying to make his swing perfect. "Practice shots are important because the elements are different for every shot," Waltz said.



photo by Zach Jensen

Senior Kory Plagge squats down at eye level to read the green. Before he putted, Plagge looked at the slope of the green and how far it was to the hole. That way he knew what the break of the green was.

photo by Zach Jensen

Rain requires redo

regionals delayed by storm

Heading out to the first tee box for the regional meet at Iowa City, the boys' golf team was already wet. There was an even bigger storm moving in, and they were only on the edge of it. "It was tough, but you have to keep focus and remember everyone else is dealing with the same conditions," sophomore Nick Smith said.

Lightning was seen on the horizon, and they were forced to pack up and head into the clubhouse to wait out the storm. Some of the boys had played as many as twelve holes, while others only completed four. Eventually they cancelled the meet and headed back to the hotel. "It was actually a lot of fun (to play in the rain)," senior Mark Anderson said. "We (were) supposed to play on Tuesday, but it rained out half way through our round."

As a whole, the team wasn't playing as well as they knew they could on Tuesday, and once the lightning was seen they were grateful for a chance to start fresh Anderson said. The team headed back to the hotel for some food, and bonding, a rarity in golf because players were on different holes at different times. "After the rain we decided to spend the night in Iowa City and it turned out to be fun," senior Jared Walahoski said. "We hung out with the team and built some new relationships."

The next day, the boys headed back out to Finkbine Golf Course to restart their rounds. They weren't playing as well on Wednesday head coach Steve Smith said. After nine holes he didn't think the team would make it to the state tournament. However, they stepped it up the last nine holes to make it to state.

Despite its weather problems at regionals, the team had some defining moments during the season. They set a new school record at the Ankeny Invitational with a score of 281 and placed second. The boys also placed second at the conference and district meets. The team placed seventh at the state meet in Mason City. "We didn't reach our ultimate goal which was winning state," Anderson said.

Yet what defined the boys' season wasn't the numbers or stats, but their new attitude. "Committed," Smith said. "These kids have committed and wanted to be good." *Spread by Olivia Schiefelbein and Zach Jensen.*

Teeing off at Ankeny's home course, junior Dain Opland tries for a long drive. "Before driving the ball, I pick out a small target and focus on hitting only the target. Staying focused on my shot will most likely result in a good shot," Opland said.



Nick Smith



Mike Traxel



Matt Lowder



Brent Goodenow



Ben Scienszinski



Brad Kruse



Coely Walkup

Girls' Golf

7th	Valley Invite
210-197	Marshalltown
5th	Ames Invite
184-167	Ankeny
4th	Johnston Invite
5th	Urbandale Invite
3rd	Urbandale Invite
186-189	Dowling
183-153	Ames
3rd	Waukee Invite
2nd	CIML
3rd	Regionals

CIML Conference Meet:
Ashley Williamson 7th place
All-Conference:
Kate Dickey 9th place
All Conference State Qualifier:
Kate Dickey



Erin Funk '09

Marking her ball, senior Lauren Doherty glances to see how far her ball is from the hole before she putts it in. "I have been golfing since I could walk," Doherty said. "This is the year I have grown a lot."



photo by Ciera Lundgren

After teeing off, junior Ashley Williamson marks her ball on the green so another opponent could putt in without Williamson's ball in the way. "This year, on varsity, the girls are closer than ever," Williamson said.

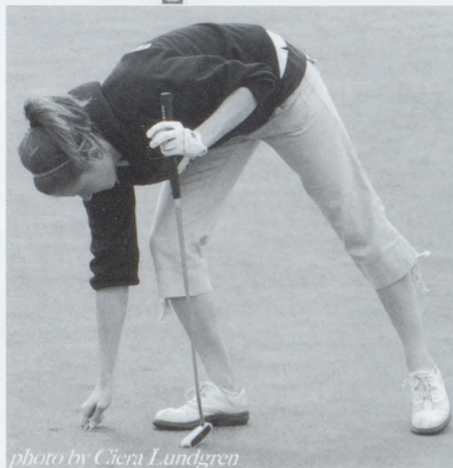


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Junior Taylor Probst concentrates as she prepares to putt the ball into the hole. Probst participated in the JV Johnston Invite, that was held at Jester Park. JV ended their season with a 17-4 record.



photo by Ciera Lundgren

After shooting a faded shot on the first tee box, junior Olivia Schiefelbein goes to retrieve her ball at the Urbandale Invite. "Hyperion was a very challenging course," Schiefelbein said. "The greens were very fast and it took a few putts to get use to the speed."



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photo by Ciera Lundgren

Increasing Numbers cause competition

larger turnout in participants creates success among the team

When Vickie Borich took the girls golf coach position three years ago, her biggest goal was to get more girls involved. The first year Borich was the head coach only 10 girls participated; this year there was an increase to 28 girls. "The increase in numbers increased the competition for people to do better," Borich said.

With more girls going out for golf, the varsity spots changed frequently. "The four, five, and six positions changed every week," Borich said. "Plus girls could lose their spots by not showing up to practice." Borich also stated that with this much competition, the girls had to practice more with purpose.

The girls could feel the pressure of competition. "It was more stressful on the team for the varsity spots," senior Lauren Doherty said. "With a lot more girls and limited spots on varsity, it caused the girls to work harder."

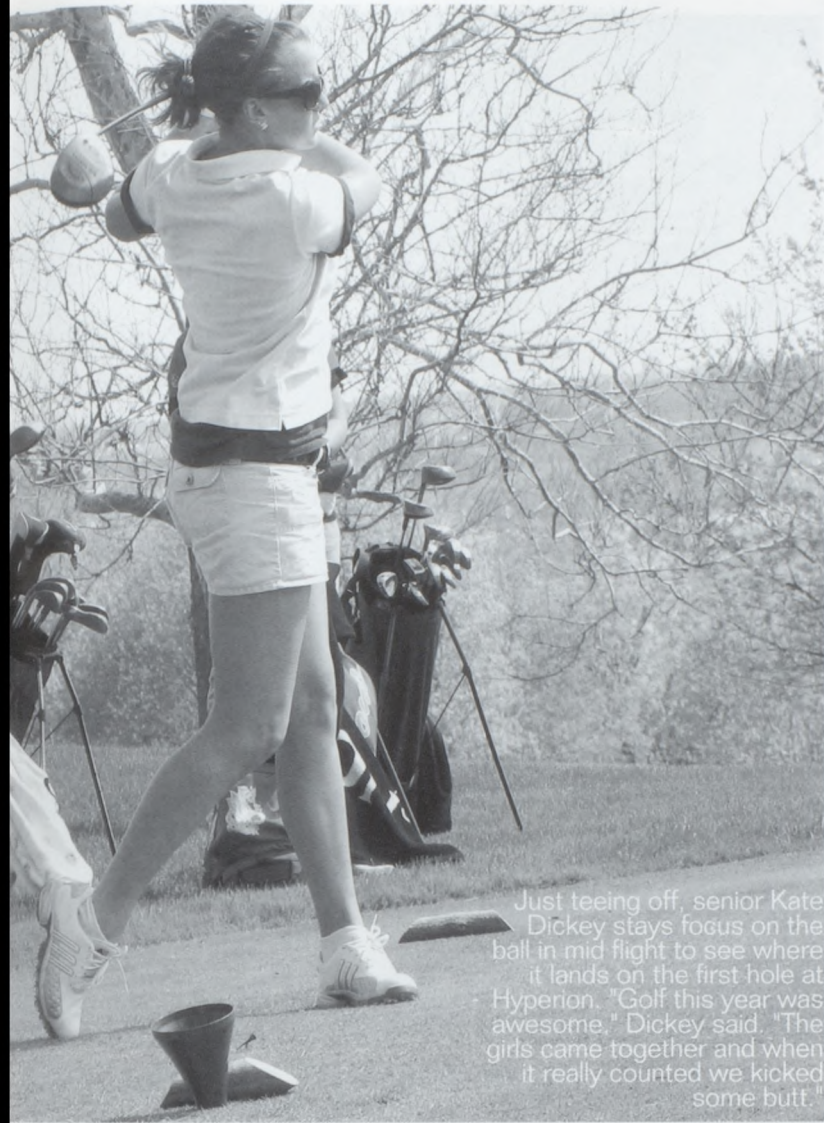
With spots changing week to week, and girls practicing harder, the level of ability increased. With conference approaching, the team's goal was to get second. "We knew we would have a tough time beating Ankeny, so we set our sights on second," Borich said.

The day started with the girls meeting at the front of the school, ready to car pool to Indianola for the conference meet. "It was really chilly that morning and all we wanted was to play well," Doherty said.

When the meet was over, the girls were awarded a second place finish and Borich was awarded Coach of the Year. "I was pretty surprised and flattered by my peers," Borich said. "Really didn't expect it."

The girls thought no one else deserved the award more. "(Borich) is always positive even when things aren't going the way you would like them to go," senior Kate Dickey said. "She always makes me smile even if I am playing horribly," Dickey said.

With all this achievement in one day, Borich believes the success was due to the increase in numbers and hard work. "When you have a lot of fun, you work hard, good things happen," Borich said. *Spread by Ciera Lundgren*



Just teeing off, senior Kate Dickey stays focus on the ball in mid flight to see where it lands on the first hole at Hyperion. "Golf this year was awesome," Dickey said. "The girls came together and when it really counted we kicked some butt."



Lesley Tersch



Olivia Schiefelbein



Ashley Williamson



Meredith Frost



Dan Borich



Kristen Howe



Jordin Robinson

Avoiding playing on sand

substate moved from a field of granulated material to the boys' own turf

Storms typically causes the cancellation of games but for the substate tournament rain caused an extra sandy field. Ankeny was to host the substate game, but with all the rain they added sand to the field. "(They) added too much sand when it was rainy a lot, and (it) killed all the grass," head coach Matt Todd said. After seeing the condition of the field Todd was able to get substate moved to a better field, Johnston's own home turf.

When the boys heard that they might have to play on a sandy field there were a mixture of reactions that ranged from excitement to a state of being appalled. "I thought it was a pretty bad idea because that field was so horrible," senior Trevor Haden said. "It would (have) been like playing on a beach." Haden was also concerned, along with his teammates, about how their playing would be affected due to the presence of the sand. "When (the ball) hits sand it messes with how it bounces and where it would go. It would have affected everyone, not just the goalie." Once substate was moved relief was found because turf was a favorite surface for the boys. "You can't really go wrong with turf, it's all straight and smooth." Haden said.

On the other end of the spectrum, junior Josh Wenndt was thrilled to play on a sand field. "It was pretty exciting, but we didn't make it that far." Wenndt said. Even though Johnston lost in the beginning of substate to Roosevelt, players found other highlights in the season to perk them up from their quick end. "(I liked) beating Waukee because they were ranked sixth, and we were ranked 10th," Wenndt said, reminiscing on his highlight of the season.

Also surprised by the condition of the field they would have played on was senior Kory Plagge, who saw the good of a home turf played out in the game. "Ankeny was (in) kind (of) a crazy bad condition," Plagge said. "I thought we were good, we played well together. I thought (substate) was a well played game, things just didn't go our way."

Coach Todd was happy to see the boys on their home field, and thought it was good for them. Despite not getting far in state, he saw the bright side of the season as well. "It was probably the most enjoyable season I've coached," Todd said. "The boys worked so hard and they did so well." *Spread by Katie Norris*



Ryan Lay

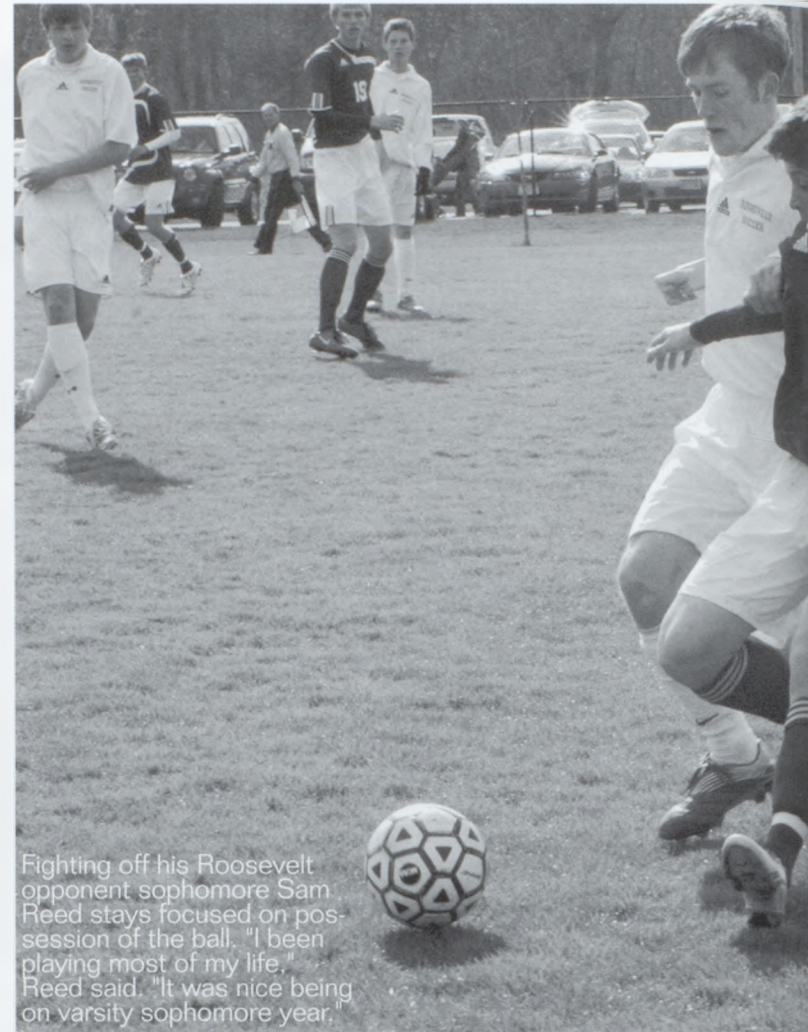
Kory Plagge

Jeremy Mullen

Trey Wright

Ernad Muratovic

Aaron Schultz



Fighting off his Roosevelt opponent sophomore Sam Reed stays focused on possession of the ball. "I been playing most of my life," Reed said. "It was nice being on varsity sophomore year."

Striking through the ball, sophomore Cody Walkup warms up before the Urbandale game. Walkup practiced shooting to prepare for his midfield position.



photo by Zach Jensen



photo by Katie Norris

Reaching as far as he can, JV goalie junior Bret Bones attempts get a hand on the ball to stop the Valley opponent's shot. The attempt was successful and Bones threw the ball back to his teammate.



photo by Zach Jensen

Attempting to gain possession of the ball, senior Nick Bass sprints down the field during the rivalry game against Urbandale. The team lost with a score of 0-1.



photo by Ciera Lundgren

Diverting his Roosevelt opponent, senior Alex Kem plays midfielder during a varsity at James W. Cownie Soccer Park. Johnston won the game 1-0.

Boys' Soccer

Dav. West	4-0
at Norwalk	1-0
Norwalk	1-0
Waukee	3-1
at Fort Dodge	2-1
at Ankeny	0-2
East	1-0
at Indianola	2-0
Roosevelt	1-0
Urbandale	0-1
Valley	0-2
at Dowling	1-2
SEP	2-0
Substate Roosevelt	1-2

Dustin Pirie '08



10-5



Nicole Foster



Ashley Wright



Kayla Ward



Kate Nielsen



Niki Teaster



Dayna Jansen



Erica Tucker

Welcome to the Warehouse

one senior brings the team together

It was a rainy day with hardly anyone in the stands as senior Leslie Ware walked out onto the soccer field for senior night. Two seniors, Ware and Jordain Skarphol, were honored. However, Ware was the only player on the varsity team. "Senior night was pretty short," coach Alicia Rollison said. "It meant more to them because they weren't overshadowed."

Ware obtained the nickname "Warehouse" during the season. With Ware being the only senior, the team wanted to use this nickname as their theme. "We saw (the warehouse) while driving one day and it reminded us of Leslie so we incorporated it into the picture and our t-shirts," junior Colleen Shannon said.

Having only one varsity senior created some problems for the team. There was a lack of experience forcing everyone on the team to step-up. "Having only one senior on the team made the team overall young," Rollison said. "An obstacle to success was the lack of experience of the younger girls against other varsity teams who may be two years older. The freshmen didn't get a traditional freshman year though because more was demanded from them."

Ware liked being the only varsity senior on the team. "Being the only senior had its moments," Ware said. "You get a lot of attention, and it's fun."

Players, like Shannon, favored having one senior on the team. "It was different, (Ware) motivated us to play harder," Shannon said. "We didn't want her last day to come. Leslie is a strong player on and off the field. Off the field she's a good person who makes everyone comfortable and makes sure they're having a good time."

Ware also made more friends than she thought she would. "I definitely made more friends with freshmen, which I didn't think would happen," Ware said. "We all became really close this season."

Shannon and Ware especially developed a close bond. "We were the two captains," Shannon said. "We are really close. It's hard to see next year without her." *Spread by Makayla Coulson and Mindy Dickerson.*



photo by Mindy Dickerson

Fighting on her competitor, senior Leslie Ware attempts to kick the ball away. Ware was the only senior member for the varsity team.

Running down the field during the Johnston vs. Ankeny game, junior Colleen Shannon keeps the ball away from her opponent. "Ankeny's a really physical team and the games are always close," Shannon said.

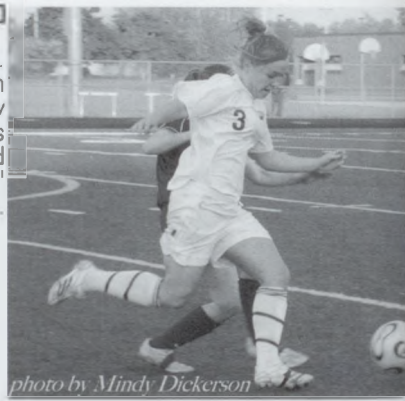


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Stopping the ball, sophomore Madison Thompson uses her body to deflect it. This was Thompson's second year as a starter for the varsity team.



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Racing down the sideline, sophomore Jennifer Ross fights to keep the ball. "I liked that we were able to play with our friends and improved throughout the season," Ross said.

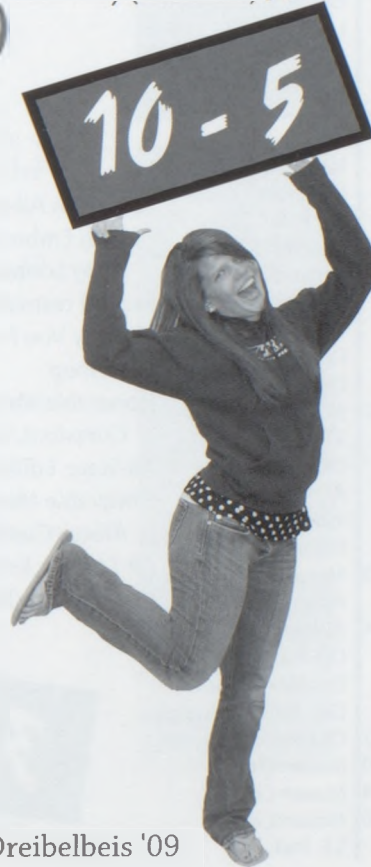


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Running to beat Ankeny's Mick Peterson, sophomore Chelsea Van Vark slides forward in anticipation. Van Vark played for JJV but moved up to JV for the Johnston vs. Ankeny game.

Girls' Soccer

Dallas Center Grimes	3 - 1
at Valley	1 - 2
Fort Dodge	3 - 0
Indianola	4 - 0
Roosevelt	6 - 0
Urbandale	2 - 3
Valley Invite	2 - 3
Dowling Catholic	1 - 2
Urbandale Invite	2 - 0
at S.E. Polk	6 - 0
Ankeny	2 - 1
Lincoln	7 - 0
at Waukee	1 - 0
Hoover (Sub-State)	1 - 0
Ankeny (Sub-State)	2 - 1



Kerri Dreibelbeis '09

Softball

- 0-1 Ottumwa
- 7-3 Ottumwa
- 0-3 Valley
- 3-0 S.C. North
- 14-2 Ames
- 4-2 Ankeny
- 6-5 Ankeny
- 7-4 Indianola
- 5-8 Indianola
- 8-0 Mfl-Mar-Mac
- 7-0 Iowa City Regina
- 8-5 Cedar Rapids Kennedy
- 2-0 Cedar Rapids Jefferson
- 6-5 Urbandale
- 10-7 Urbandale
- 0-2 Dowling Catholic
- 4-9 Dowling Catholic
- 0-11 Linn-Mar
- 7-0 Solon
- 1-0 Des Moines Lincoln
- 0-2 Linn-Mar
- 4-0 Ames
- 4-1 Ames
- 15-2 Madrid
- 2-1 Boone
- 4-2 Indianola
- 8-4 Indianola
- 2-3 S.E. Polk
- 5-4 S.E. Polk
- 9-0 Urbandale
- 8-3 Urbandale
- 3-0 Boone
- 0-1 Dowling Catholic
- 8-1 Dowling Catholic
- 1-12 S.E. Polk
- 1-5 S.E. Polk
- 10-1 Chariton
- 2-3 ADM
- 0-1 Winterset
- 8-0 Marshalltown
- 13-3 Marshalltown
- 7-2 Ankeny
- 14-4 Ankeny
- 5-1 Des Moines North
- 5-3 Des Moines North
- 6-2 Des Moines Hoover
- 12-2 Des Moines Hoover
- 10-0 Mason City
- 14-4 Mason City
- 10-0 Mason City
- 2-1 S.E. Polk

First team All-Conference: Emily Kuster,
Leah Embrey, Aleece Gustafson,
Abby Sonner

Second team All-Conference: Veronica Roshek
Holly Von Fumetti, Michelle
Schoop

Honorable Mention: Annie Gray, Alexa
Guessford, Cassie Curtis

All-State: Emily Kuster

Honorable Mention: Abby Sonner, Leah Embrey,
Aleece Gustafson

All-District: Emily Kuster, Abby Sonner

Iowa All-Star Team: Emily Kuster



Junior Liz Fuller reaches her arm out to fellow JV and varsity teammates after a win over Urbandale. "The rivalry is intense, and you can tell both teams want to win so bad," Fuller said.



photo by Katie Norris

Junior Leah Embrey breaks for third while the ensuing play unfolds behind her. "I don't really think when base running," Embrey said. "There is a lot of adrenaline going because each play is exciting and means something to the game."



Swinging in hopes for a base hit, junior Holly Von Fumetti concentrates on the ball coming at her. "Coach Merical has us spending many hours practicing the mechanics of hitting," Von Fumetti said. "When game time comes, all of the mechanics should just come natural."



photo by Katie Norris

Sophomore Annie Gray dives back to first base during a pickoff attempt. "You really just need to be paying attention all the time," Gray said. "If you're alert and know what's going on while base running, your reflexes will take care of the rest."



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Extra eyes *add* enthusiasm

volunteer coaches help team have good times

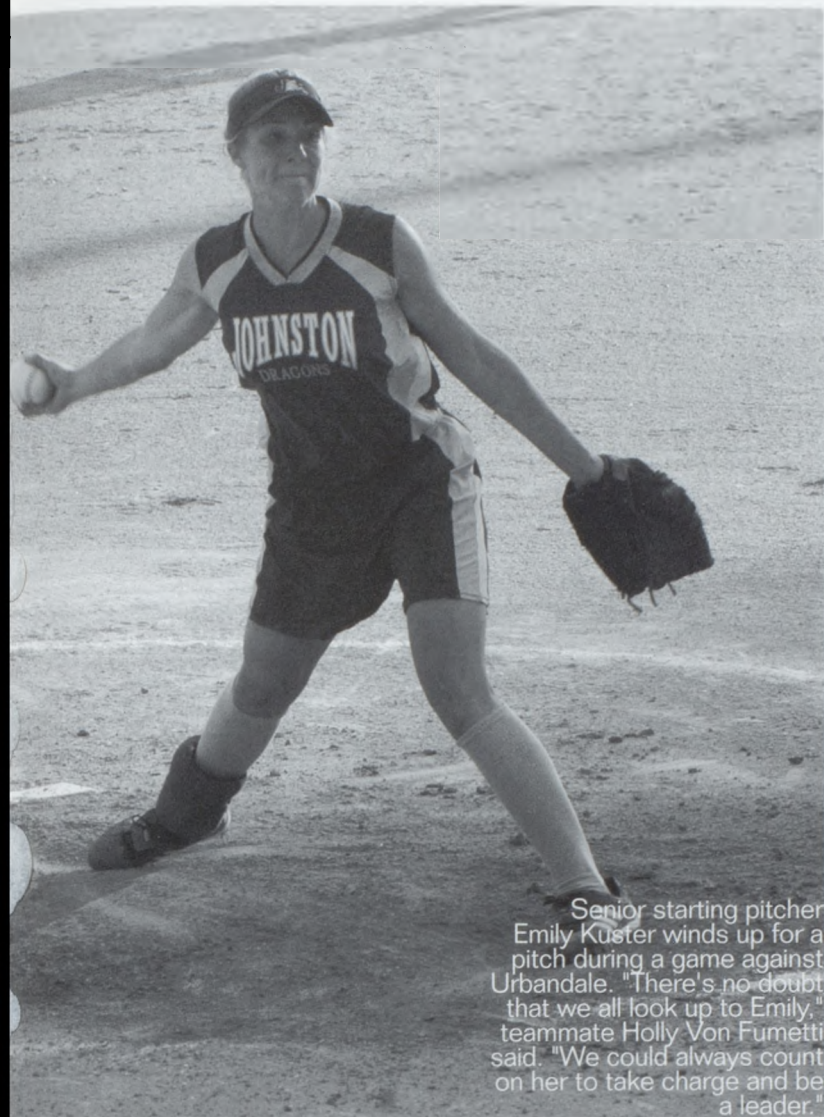
"Whoa!" shouted volunteer coach Cari Walker, using her tactic to make the girls laugh in order to loosen them up before they played. Along with shouting, Walker also gave a pep talk. "(Don't) hold yourselves back," Walker said. "Try to perceive that (at) the end of the day it's just a game." She said this before games to help the girls remember to have fun so they could enjoy playing.

The girls appreciated Walker's methods. "She (Walker) was always really pumped (and would) randomly go 'whoa,'" freshman Jordan Sandquist said. "(It) brought our team up (and we) started to go 'whoah.'" Walker was one of two volunteer coaches who helped the team. Coach Dave White was a returning helper. He brought live pitching so that the girls were allowed to practice a batting cage-like experience.

Even the head coaches valued the extra help. "They (the volunteer coaches) made a huge difference," head coach Todd Merial said. "(We) had two more sets of eyes, (and) shared experience is huge for our team. We're very fortunate to have had those two last summer."

The fun the volunteer coaches added to the season was just the beginning. Walker arranged a scrimmage for the girls. They were divided equally by skill and went all out in outfits representing their three teams. "Pulling up to the field that day (with all the) girls decked out makes me laugh every time I think about it," Walker said.

One of the favorite memories the "girls of summer" had was their traditional sleepover on the field, but this time it was celebrating their qualification for state. The girls consumed an un-recalled amount of pizza and pop. The girls had many fond memories that were also bonding experiences. "I loved being a part of that really good group of friends throughout the season," freshman Loryn Reed said. "That was my favorite part (of the season)." *Spread by Katie Norris and Cody Zoss.*



Senior starting pitcher Emily Kuster winds up for a pitch during a game against Urbandale. "There's no doubt that we all look up to Emily," teammate Holly Von Fumetti said. "We could always count on her to take charge and be a leader."



Emily Kuster & Beth Ward



Abby Sonner



Annie Coay and Alexa Guesford



Alexa Guesford



Taylor Mige



Veronica Roshok

Boys' Swimming

- 121-49 DM East Dual
- 104-66 Valley Dual
- 70-24 Grinnell Dbl Dual
- 72-22 Ankeny Dbl Dual
- 110-60 Boone Dbl Dual
- 122-48 Indianola Dual
- 55-39 Ottumwa Dbl Dual
- 74-20 Grinnell Dbl Dual
- 101-68 Mason City
- 125-45 Dowling Dual
- 119-51 S.E. Polk Dual
- 1st 409 CIML Conference
- 1st 308 Districts
- 10th 56 State

Academic All-Conference:
 Jeremy Biggs, Rexford
 Davidson, Nicholas Evans,
 Alexander Grapp, Alan
 Nagel, Charlie Thunte,
 Caleb Wagner



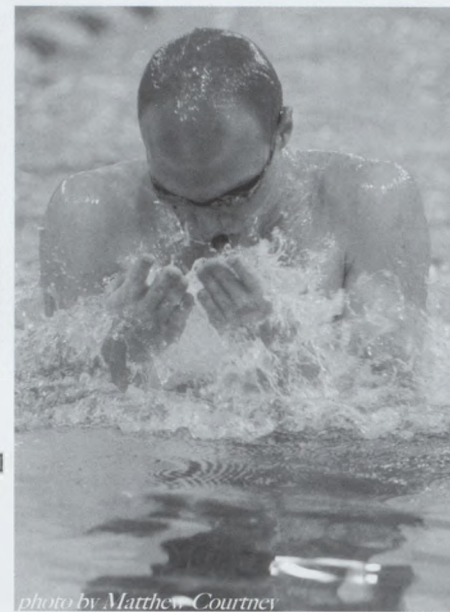
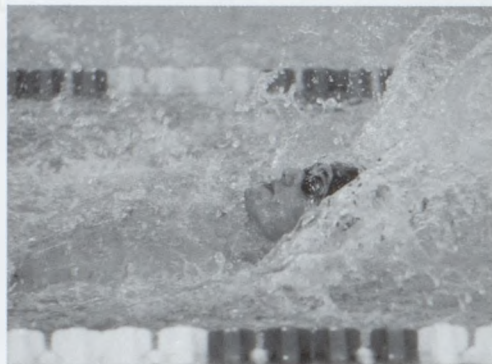
Alex Grapp '10

Walking hand-in-hand, senior Rex Davidson walks down the side of the pool with his mother, Marcy, and father, Brian. Davidson participated in senior night where only seniors swam varsity.



photo by Matthew Courtney

Waukee sophomore Matt Karamanlis pulls himself through the 50-yard backstroke in the JV 200 yard medley relay. The relay team had a time of 2:03.92 at the Johnston Invitational.



Urbandale senior Anthony Kottke takes a deep breath before submerging himself back into the water during the breaststroke. Kottke was a state qualifier three years in a row.

photo by Matthew Courtney

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Immersing himself in the water, Urbandale junior Mitch Taylor completes the 100 yard butterfly. Taylor had an individual best time of 52.55 – a Johnston varsity record.



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Practice PROVES perfection

more training makes better results

Arriving at Summit Middle School on a Saturday at 7 a.m., sophomore Blake Johnson got ready for a tough three-hour practice. "It's hard, but necessary," Johnson said. "It only takes one day to get out of shape." Staying in shape was crucial to the varsity boys' swim team's ability to do well.

The boys went undefeated in the regular season. Coach Shari Walling said the team owed it to its rigorous practice schedule. "Quality programs have two practices a day," Walling said. "As long as they're of value, there isn't any waste of time." The team had approximately 100 practices before districts, which was considerably more than any other swim team in the state.

Swim meets were decided on team victories while the state meet was scored by individual victories. This allowed for the team to win all of their meets. "This substantially helped because all of our swimmers are way above mediocre," senior Charlie Thuente said.

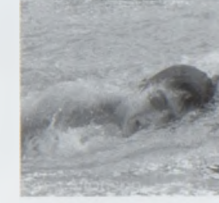
For the first time, the team won the conference and district championships. They worked hard during practice, and the team chemistry was also beneficial to their success. "Having friends on the team brought everyone closer," Johnson said. "Everyone knows they have to push themselves, so we help each other out."

The work ethic and output made for a strong ability to improve. The boys had to work together, despite being from different schools. "The comradery between the boys and the three schools makes a lot of difference as a team," Walling said.

Although the team yielded good results during the season, they didn't fare as well at state. "As a team we're considerably stronger than most in the state," Walling said. "But there's no dual meet champion for state swimming."

The team placed 10th at state, despite an undefeated season. "Only so many of our swimmers can qualify for districts and state, so we aren't able to use all of our awesome swimmers," Thuente said. "If it was scored as team win, we would have dominated it." *Spread by Bethany Christenson and Matthew William Courtney*

Taking a breath, sophomore Blake Johnson comes out of the water during the 200 individual medley. "Distance is my strong suit," Johnson said. "I stay more in shape."



Girls' Swimming

- 112-65 @ Lincoln
- 144-39 East
- 1st 322 @ Ames Invite
- 129-56 @ Newton
- 108-75 Ankeny
- 2nd 406 @ Cedar Rapids Invite
- 111-59 @ Indianola
- 151-86 @ Fort Dodge
- 2nd 489 Johnston Invite
- 106-80 @ Dowling
- 136-47 S.E. Polk
- 1st, 441 @ CIML Confrence Meet
- 1st, 447 Regional Meet

Academic All-Conference:

Maricelly Valencia,
 Meredith Geels, Christina
 Aldrich, Madhu Koduvalli,
 Steph Ferguson, Hannah
 Dankbar, Julia Manning,
 Kara Highfill. Kylie
 Kinsey, Lexie Swift, Maddie
 Mandsager, Olivia Pace,
 Taylor Erwine



Emily Bates '08

Sophomore Katie Lee flies through the air to land her dive perfectly in the water during the Ankeny dual meet. The girls went on to beat Ankeny with a score of 108-75.



photo by Matthew Courtney

Coming up for a breath, sophomore Maddie Mandsager swims the 100-yard breaststroke. "I (gained) strength, I improved, my body feels a lot stonger than it used to," Mandsager said.



photo by Matthew Courtney

Launching herself into her dive, freshman Dahlia Gordon starts her back flip at the Ankeny meet. Gordon later went on to finish 13th at the state meet in Marshalltown.



photo by Matthew Co.

Propelling herself out of the water, junior Meredith Luksetich swims the butterfly in the 200-yard medley event. Luksetich's medly relay team placed 9th at state with a time of 1:54:58.



photo by Matthew Courtney

Girls get their goals

star sheets help team achieve success

Most teams measured their achievements in records and wins. The girls' swimming team, however, measured their success with stars. At the beginning of the season, the girls made 12 goals including winning districts, winning regionals and getting in the top five at state, marking their goal sheet with a star each time one was accomplished. "With every star we marked on our goal sheet there were more and more things to be proud of," head coach Shari Walling said.

As the season began the girls' rank sky-rocketed to number three in the state behind Valley and Marshalltown, and they went on to earn an undefeated dual meet season. "At the very beginning (of the season) I knew we would be good," junior Meredith Luksetich said.

When the conference meet came along, the girls realized they would have the upper hand in the competition and hopefully another star. The team ended up winning the conference meet by 100 points.

The girls had high hopes to win regionals. At regionals, they were losing before going into the relays. In the end, the relays helped them to earn points and they came out on top. It was the first time the team had won regionals since 2004. "I screamed, and I was jumping up and down," senior Hannah Smith said.

The day of the state meet arrived, and it was immediately known that the girls wouldn't win due to the fact that Valley had a 150-point lead over the second place team. However, their goal of top five in the state was still alive. With only one race to go, the 400 Free Relay, the Dragons were tied with Ames in fifth place with 100 points. They would have to beat Ames if they wanted to get fifth.

After the first leg of the relay, the girls were trailing Ames by four seconds. The other swimmers knew they would have to pick up some ground. The second leg made up time but was still behind. When it came time for Luksetich's leg she helped the team pass Ames with one swimmer left. It came down to the last leg where Smith took control over Ames and finished the race 3.19 seconds ahead of them.

Beating Ames in the relay gave the girls fifth at state with another added star to their goal sheet. "This will always be a season to remember as the first group of freshmen swimming for Johnston will graduate this year, Walling said. "They were on a mission to make their mark, to set traditions of excellence for future teams to strive for." Spread by Jon Krueger, Matthew Courtney, and Sammy McConeghey.



Gracefully flying through the air, sophomore Taylor Erwine executes an inward dive. Erwine had been diving for two years. "Diving is different and it's fun learning new dives," Erwine said.



Kara Highfill



Kristina Alonzo



Meredith Geels



Madhu Koduvalli



Kylie Kinsey & Anna Korns



Britney Borup



Taylor Popplewell

Injury fails to stop letter winner

Senior doesn't allow injury to prevent him from playing

To get ready for a district tennis meet was always a little nerve racking. There were many things to think about when preparing. Shoes tied tight, strings fit properly, but for senior Cody Gordon there was one more step. Gordon had to pull on his knee sleeve everyday before practice and meets. His sleeve prevented further injury to his once torn ACL. It allowed him to once again succeed in tennis without worry of another ACL tear.

Gordon participated in the SAIL Leadership Retreat when he tore his ACL. He went to school that Monday on crutches and continued to use the crutches until well after his surgery. "I was in a knee brace for around a month and a half (to) two months and I had crutches for (another) two and a half weeks," Gordon said.

After the surgery Gordon headed to physical therapy for his rehabilitation. He learned that playing his final tennis season might not be possible. He had six months of therapy before he would be allowed back onto the court. "Normal time to heal a torn ACL is six months, and I got back in five as a result of pushing myself in physical therapy," Gordon said. Throughout his rehabilitation Gordon had to put his knee through many tests. Lunges, squats and stretching out the knee and leg allowed him to break up the stiffness. These exercises carried through to the season.

The stretches he learned in rehab helped to work out the soreness during the day. "My knee was a little sore at the first couple of practices," Gordon said. "But at night I would ice it and my knee would be ready to go the next day."

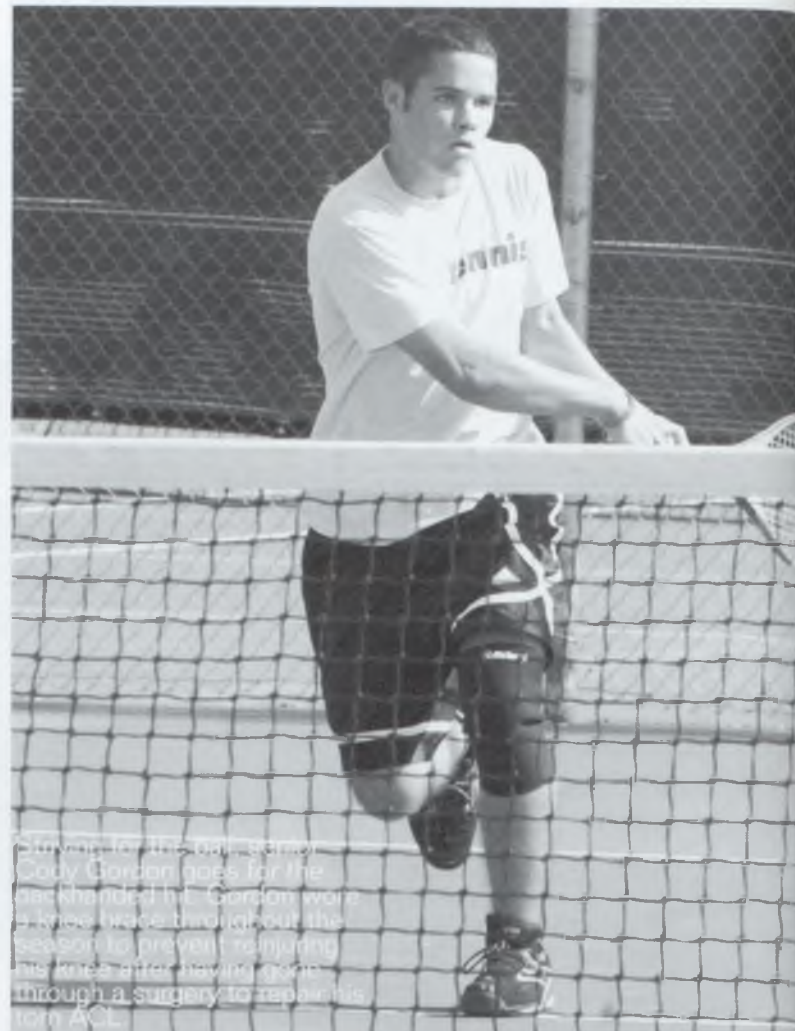
The experience that Gordon brought back to the court was appreciated by his fellow teammates. "I was glad," senior Tucker Vasey said. "He was still a little bit out of shape at the beginning but he was back to last year's level by districts."

Gordon played varsity since his freshman year, and had always had a successful season. "Cody Gordon played the best tennis I've ever seen him play in the last matches of his career," head coach Leslie Shipp said. "It was amazing that he didn't hit a ball for six months, and two weeks after he started hitting again he beat a two time state qualifier."

Although the injury was hard and painful at times, Gordon believed it had its positive sides. "I learned a lot of patience through my injury, which I'm grateful for." *Spread by Olivia Schiefelbein and Abby Weaver.*



Danny Heldt



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Senior Tucker Vasey stretches across the court during district doubles. Vasey and partner senior Ryan Palmer placed third. "It would have been better if we could have gone to state but we gave it our all, so I'm pretty happy with how things turned out," Vasey said.



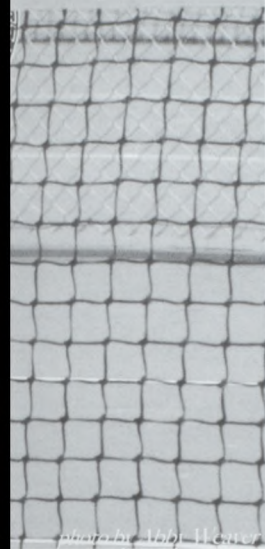
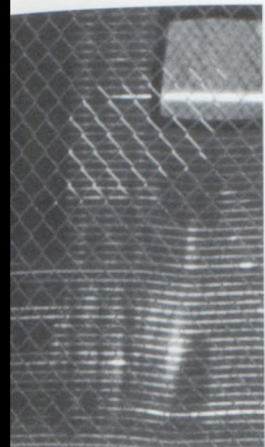


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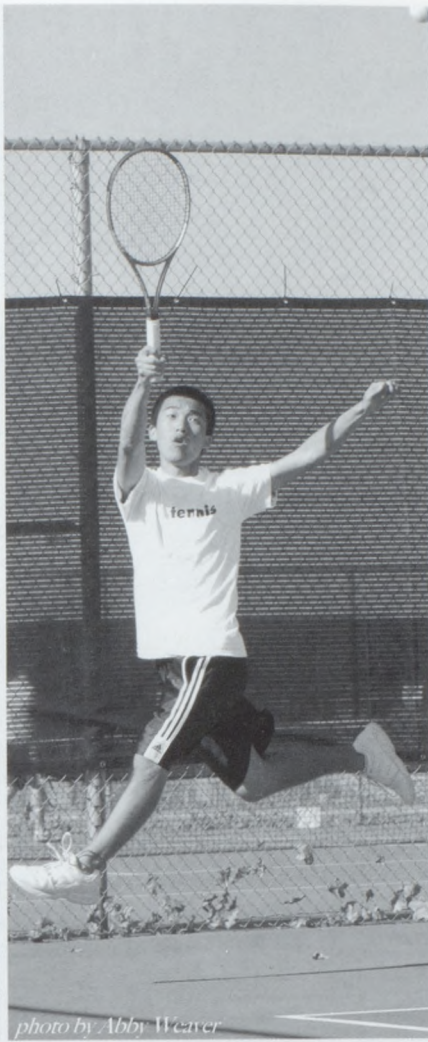


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Leaping across the court, senior David Zhang saves the point. Zhang won the first set in a tie-breaker and then went on to win the match by a second set win.



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Thrusting across the court, senior Ryan Palmer plays during the meet against Urbandale. Palmer ended up losing the match by going into a tiebreaker during the first and second set.

Boys' Tennis

Johnston Invite	4th
at Valley	1 - 10
Ottumwa	9 - 2
Ankeny Invite	4th
at Ankeny	5 - 6
at Hoover	11-0
at Indianola	9 - 2
Urbandale	8 - 3
at Dowling	5 - 6
Saydel	11 - 0
SE Polk	10 - 1
Districts	3rd

5 - 4

Following through with his backhand, sophomore Ben Warrick plays doubles. Warrick and his partner, junior J.T. Minor, won their match against Ottumwa in two sets, the team won the meet 9 - 2.



Marc Thies '09



Starting from scratch

five girls play varsity
without past experience

Walking onto the tennis courts their freshman year, the girls were both excited and nervous, having no experience playing tennis before. These girls never expected to be competing for the top spots of the varsity team by their senior year. "It was something I had never tried before," senior Megan Junge said. "I knew that it was going to be a sport that I could continue for the rest of my life."

Junge and four other seniors; Aleece Gustafson, Rachel Lang, Lauren Lund, and Maggie Thilges, decided to go out for tennis their freshman year. By their senior year, all five of them occupied spots on of the varsity line-up. "We have about 77 girls out every year, and only 10 girls get to play varsity," coach Ben Knight said. "A lot of these players are multi-sport athletes and they spend a lot of time working on their other sports. It is not an easy accomplishment."

Tennis was not offered as a school sponsored event until high school, therefore not getting the interest of some people until they got to their freshman year of school. Most of the girls had different reasons for wanting to go out. "I decided to go out for the sport because a lot of my friends were also going out," Gustafson said, "and I needed a sport in between basketball and softball." Gustafson played varsity by her sophomore year, with only one full year of practicing before, and without any off-season training.

Many of the other girls out for tennis have been playing their entire life, therefore increasing the competition for the varsity positions. Knight believed that these girls were able to get to the top spots because of their competitive nature. "They've been in athletics and exposed to competition," Knight said. "They decided they wanted to play and put in the work."

The girls were happy with the time and effort that they put in to the sport and enjoyed playing on varsity. "I find tennis to be more fun than other sports," Gustafson said. "It's a lot different than other sports because you play individually so you have to make sure you're on top of your game everyday because you can't rely on your teammates when you're having a bad day." *Spread by Cory Gagne and Leah Kron.*



Megan Junge



Haley Beaver



Gabbi Warrick
& Rachel Binne



Aleece Gustafson



Emily Xerip



Maggie Thilges



Amanda Korkow



Senior Rachel Lang takes a swing at the ball at a home meet against Indianola. Lang started playing tennis her freshman year, but played on varsity both her junior and senior year.

Stepping into better position to hit the ball, junior Lauren Rogers plays at a home meet. Rogers played doubles throughout high school and switched partners multiple times, allowing her to play with many different people.



photo by Cory Gagne



photo by Leah Kron

Extending to hit her ball toss, senior Lauren Lund serves at a home meet against Ankeny. "My favorite part about tennis was being doubles partners with (senior) Maggie (Thilges) because we're really good friends," Lund said. "I was comfortable playing with her because we both get competitive about it, but we wouldn't get mad at each other."



photo by Cory Gagne

Junior Jenny Ajluni warms up at the team regionals tournament. Ajluni and doubles partner, junior Megan Roth, won their first round in the tournament but lost to their second opponent from Dowling Catholic.

Girls' Tennis

Johnston Invite	1st
at Valley	1-10
at Ottumwa	3-8
Hoover	11-0
Knoxville Invite	1st
Ames	4-7
Urbandale	5-6
at Ankeny	2-9
at Indianola	7-4
Dowling	2-9
Marshalltown Invite	1st
at S.E. Polk	7-4

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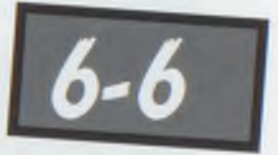
Working together, doubles partners sophomores Megan Ackerman and Morgan Foldes play for a small crowd at home. The team enjoyed having more meets at home than in many of the past years and some believed the home court advantage allowed them to have a better record.



photo by Cory Gagne



Katherine Burggraaf '08



Injuries collide with goals

challenges cause doubt, boys overcome

A 4x4 state and Drake Relays championship was what the boys track team had in mind going into the season. Challenges met along the way, however, halted their goals and caused the team to change its mindset. "We had to become more focused on what we needed to do because it became a bigger challenge," senior Grant Jacobson said.

Senior Andy Unruh was forced to end his season due to a hip injury that left him unable to compete. "I had to decide if I wanted to either fight through the injury all season or just call it quits," Unruh said.

To replace Unruh, senior Kyle Hanson stepped up and ran a leg of the 4x4 after senior Nathan Clock convinced him to run a 400 in practice where, Clock said, he did well. "I (usually) run 100's and 200's," Hanson said. "So a 400 is really far. I'm not a 400 runner, but they needed one so I did it for them."

Injury hit the team again during the season, when Clock pulled a hamstring and was unable to run for almost four weeks. "When I got injured, we didn't think we were gonna have a 4x4 because two people from our relay were gone," Clock said. "After I came back, it motivated the team to work harder."

While the team was changed, they knew they had to still focus on their race. "(We) put it in the past and started focusing on what we could accomplish with who we had," senior Mike Schultz said.

The relay team qualified the 4x4 for state by placing third at districts. They then went on to state where they exceeded their expectations. The boys placed third and also beat the other teams who had beat them at districts. "The way we got third was better than if we would've gotten first because it was unexpected, and we fought so hard for it," Clock said.

Coaches were also proud of the team's accomplishments. "They were excited and I was excited for them," assistant coach Pat Mattingly said.

The boys felt that pulling together as a team was what helped them do well at state. "It was an amazing experience," Schultz said. "It was the most supportive team I've ever been on." *Spread by Sammy McConeghey and Erin Funk.*



Brian Gates



Kyle Hanson & Grant Jacobson



Mat Dickerson



Grant Jacobson



Alex Gusto



Tom Track

Flying through the air sophomore Tommy Larson clears the bar. Larson participated in the state meet, at Drake University track and placed eighth.



Effortlessly jumping during his shuttle-hurdle freshman Carr Terpstra leaps over an obstacle. Terpstra was on the JV team throughout the season.



DRAGON PHOTO BY SAMMY MCCONEGHEY



Striding out his 800 meter leg at the Drake Relays, senior Mike Schultz runs in the 1600 meter medley. Schultz, along with seniors Nathan Clock, Kyle Hanson, and Grant Jacobson, received 11th in their event.



Pushing through the last stretch, senior Nathan Clock completes his 400 meter dash. Clock was the conference champ in his 400 meter dash.



With hair blowing in wind, sophomore Nick Evans concentrates on the finish line in his junior varsity 100 meter dash. Evans received the academic all-conference award during the track season.

Boys' Track

Marshalltown	6th
Roosevelt	5th
Carlisle	1st
Boone	4th
Conference	4th
Districts	5th

Academic All-Conference:
 Jeff Bast, Jacob Baumgartner, Daniel Chapman, Jacob Clabaugh, David Cox, Nick Evans, Kyle Hanson, Ben Hjelmaas, Grant Jacobson, Riley Johnson, Jacob Klopfenstein, Zach Larimer, Brock Mills, Phillip Mortens, Alfred Norte, Tyler Patten, Alex Peichl, Mike Schultz, James Sevenich, James Tran, Nicholas Tucker



Alex Peichl '10

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Milestones *set and met*

girls win first 4A conference title

The girls sat by the trees just outside the Ankeny football field at the conference meet and waited for team places to be read. The announcer read off Johnston's name in first place and the team jumped up to run its victory lap. The girls had just won conference for the first time since the move to 4A in 1997. "Winning a conference championship shows off the fact that we put a lot of emphasis on team," senior Kari Dockum said. "It was sweet knowing that we were the first group to win it."

The first step for the girls to meet their goals was to focus more on the team, rather than the individual. "Our mentality going into conference was to get points," Dockum said. "Winning a race means points for the team, and all year long we've put so much emphasis on doing things for the team. It feels good to do well in your individual race, but it feels even better to take that victory lap with the team after winning the conference title."

To get the girls into the right mentality, head coach Chris Siewert gave the team a talk about what they were capable of the day before conference. "I called conference the 'what if' meet," Siewert said. "What would happen if we did everything perfect, what would be the result? What if we had no regrets on the track? What if we all warmed-up? What could we do?"

Siewert's speech made an impact on the team and its mind-set going into conference. "It made us think we really could win conference," junior Amy Kruger said. "We knew we really did have a chance if we thought we could do it."

The day of conference arrived and many thoughts ran through the girls' heads. "I was really nervous so I tried to calm myself down," sophomore Jenna Devens said. "I just waited for the gun to go off and just go."

When the girls realized they had won conference, there was much excitement. "A lot of people were surprised," Kruger said. "We all actually wanted to do the cool-down lap which we never want to do."

The success didn't stop at conference; the girls placed first at districts and eighth at state. "Winning districts was even better than conference," Devens said. "Everyone was ten times more excited than I'd ever seen them. People were screaming and jumping up and down." *Spread by Sammy McConeghey and Matthew Courtney*

Sprinting the 400 leg of the sprint medley relay, sophomore Krista Shoeman runs at the Drake Relays at Drake Stadium. Johnston qualified a total of 10 events, a school record.



Cracking open her book junior Nickie Meyer flips to the right chapter at the Ames Invite. Meyer had a break between her races and chose to complete her homework.



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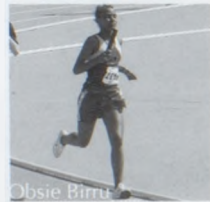
Cassie Curtis



Hanna South



Amy Hawks



Obsie Birru



Leah Embrey



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Running with the baton, junior Molli Kipp completes her event. Kipp ran at the regional track meet and placed 24th in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:28.47



photo by Sammy McConeghey

Racing to finish the 4x200, sophomore Ashley Quick runs the second leg of the race. Quick ran with fellow sophomores Cassie Curtis and Krista Shoeman and junior Felicia Coleman. They finished 3rd at regionals with a time of 4:04.72



photo by Sammy McConeghey

Senior Laura Hilby places her feet on the starting blocks as sophomore Gabrielle Liljedahl gets in the ready position. The girls traveled to Ames for the meet and placed 7th.

Girls' Track

Waukee Quali.	4th
Ames	7th
Marshalltown Invite	7th
Cardinal Invite	2nd
CIML	1st
District	1st
State	8th

6 meets cancelled due to weather

Academic All-Conference:

Christina Andeweg, Anna Belner, Obsie Birru, Taylor Chesnut, Cassandra Curtis, Jenna Devens, Kari Dockum, Elizabeth Elmitt, Taylor Erwine, Laura Hilby, Hannah Janes, Mollie Kipp, Amy Kruger, Gabrielle Liljedahl, Sammy McConeghey, Nicole Meyer, Amanda Philip, Loryn Reed, Jordan Sandquist, Susanna Saradeth, Emily Shoeman, Krista Shoeman, Staci Smith, Hanna Souhrada, Sarah Warren





Slogan on shoe serves purpose

"We Not Me" helps team win state

Early in the season, the girls' volleyball team was challenged with dividing personal achievement and team achievement. Although they went through a struggling phase, they got past it and moved on to success in the state finals. "Early in the year we were still developing our confidences in what we could do as individuals and as a team," varsity head coach Rick Brooks said.

The girls used their shoes as a technique to help shove personal faults aside by writing "We Not Me" on their shoes right before the regional finals. Motivation to put this on their shoes came from a talk Brooks gave. "Brooks talked to us about selfishness and how we really needed to focus on the team and not put the emphasis on our own mistakes," junior Kari Queck said.

The words Brooks said to the girls were still fresh in his mind. "When you get into big games, selfish thoughts creep into your mind," Brooks said. "Sometimes you get more worried about yourself in big games than the team. They have the right mindset (now). I didn't know they were going to do (We Not Me), but I'm glad they did."

After having success with winning the regional finals game with "We Not Me" on their shoes, the girls realized how it helped them. "When I look at my shoe now, it gets me out of my 'me' moment and puts me back into the 'we' mode," senior Colby Lindsey said. "It helps me to focus back on the team goals and not on myself."

When the girls finally reached the championship game at state it was a whole new atmosphere. "It's an indoor sport, everything is enclosed, so it's a lot louder," senior Leah Embrey said. "It was unbelievable. It didn't kick in that we were playing in the championship."

The team knew what they had to do in the finals. "We couldn't win state if we weren't together, so we knew we needed to get it together," Embrey said. The girls achieved what they came to achieve as a team. They won the 4A class state title- a first for Johnston girls' athletics.

The experience at state had many different effects on each of the girls. "State is..inspiring, humbling, frantic, surreal, fast, addicting, family, friends, smile, tears," Brooks said. "The girls realized challenges are easier when you have help." *Spread by Nicole Postel and Leah Kron*

Jumping into junior Kate Nielson's arms, junior Kari Queck celebrates the first girls' state title as well as the first 4A state title for Johnston. The other starters joined in a huddle, which ended in a dogpile.



Junior Amanda Paszkiewicz substitutes into the game for junior Olivia Schiefelbein during the junior varsity game against South East Polk. "We really had to watch our subs because we would always reach the sub limit," Schiefelbein said.



photo by Jon Krueger

Volleyball

at Lincoln	3-0
CR Washington Invite	1st
Waukee	3-0
Fort Dodge	3-0
Ballard Invite	1st
at Ankeny	1-3
at Indianola	3-2
Urbandale Invite	2nd
Urbandale	3-0
Oskaloosa Invite	1st
at Dowling Catholic	3-0
Pella Christian	3-1
Johnston Invite	1st
South East Polk	3-0
East (Substate)	3-0
Indianola (Substate)	3-0
IC City High (State)	3-1
CB Abraham Lincoln (State)	3-1
Cedar Falls (State Championship)	3-0

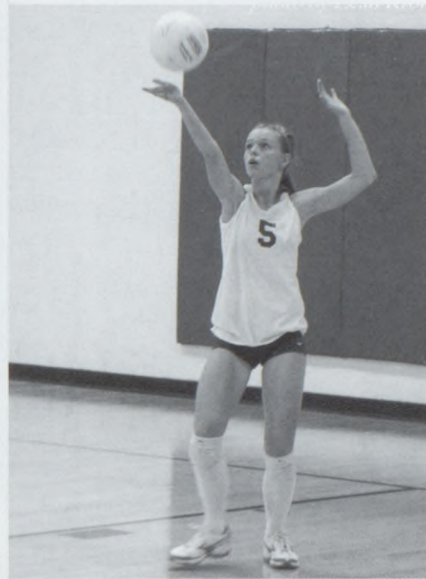
Elite Team All-State: Taylor Knuth
 First Team All-State: Taylor Knuth
 Second Team All-State: Abby Sonner
 All-State Honorable Mention: Kari Queck
 Central District All-District Team: Taylor Knuth, Abby Sonner, Kari Queck
 Elite Team All-CIML: Taylor Knuth
 First Team All-Conference: Taylor Knuth, Abby Sonner
 Second Team All-Conference: Kari Queck
 All-Conference Honorable Mention: Kate Nielsen, Colby Lindsey, Tory Knuth

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photo by Leah Kron



Using her height and arm span, junior Taylor Knuth reaches to hit the ball over the net. Senior Colby Lindsey enjoyed playing with Knuth and her younger sister, freshman Tory Knuth. "They are my six foot walls of sunshine," Lindsey said.



Sophomore Morgan Campbell serves the ball into play at Dowling Catholic. Campbell played setter whenever she was in the back row for the rotation.

Senior Leah Embrey digs for the ball to return it to the Indianola side. Junior Abby Sonner watched from behind, prepared to step in if needed. The team won the game, which advanced it to state.

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44-28 Des Moines East
 32-41 at Grinnell
 3-67 at Cedar Rapids Prairie
 21-50 at Creston
 37-33 at Carlisle
 24-51 WDM Valley
 12-59 S. E. Polk
 33-35 at Urbandale
 42-33 at Des Moines East
 36-37 at Dallas Center
 24-45 at Grimes
 18-48 at Ankeny
 28-36 at Indianola
 52-12 at Urbandale
 36-30 Carroll Kuemper
 17-48 Adel DeSoto Minburn
 9-61 Valley
 36-34 Ballard
 16-52 South Tama
 22-54 at Des Moines Roosevelt
 22-78 at Dowlingrt Dodge
 State Qualifiers: Adam Badgley, Josh South,
 Josiah South and Stephen Schaffer

Wrestling

Grappling with his competitor, junior Adam Badgley struggles to take the competition down. "It was a different experience having more people in the stands," Badgley said. "Down on the mats and looking up in the stands, it just hits ya."

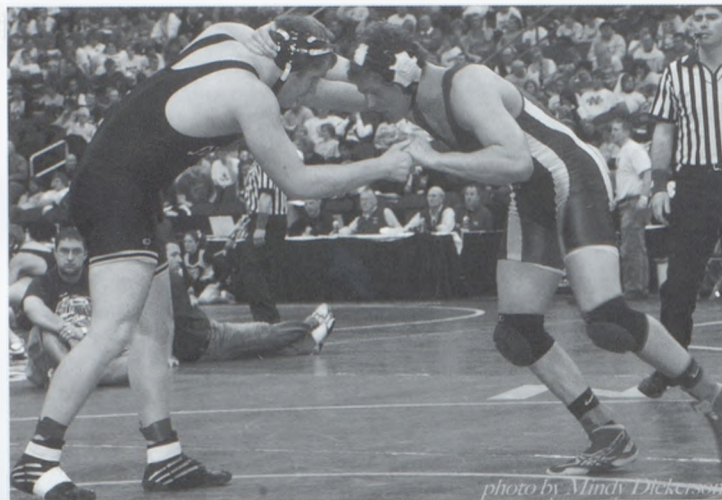


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Using his strength, senior Mat Dickerson lifts his competitor off the mat. "It was really cool that I was able to finish out my last year, even though I had a broken wrist," Dickerson said.

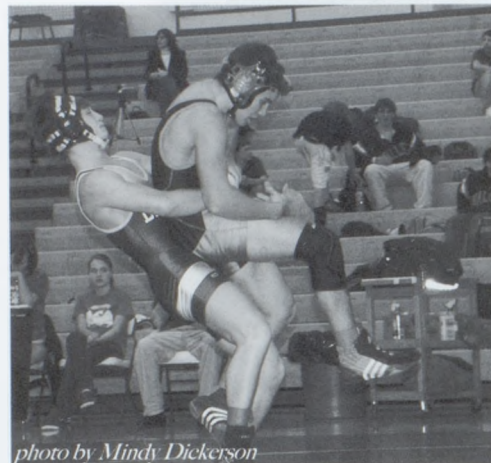


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Pausing to listen to the referee, junior Josiah South attempts to get up. South was one of four wrestlers to qualify for state, after placing second at districts.

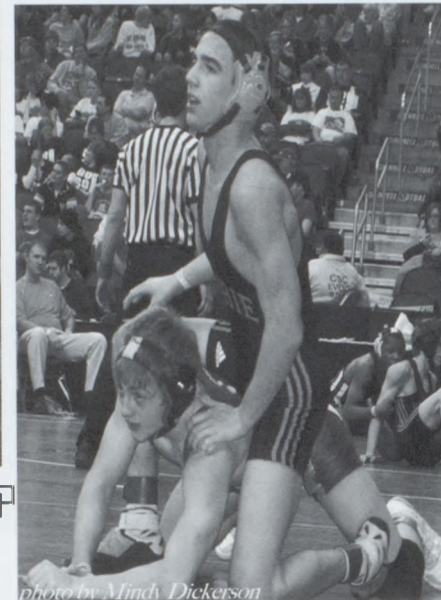


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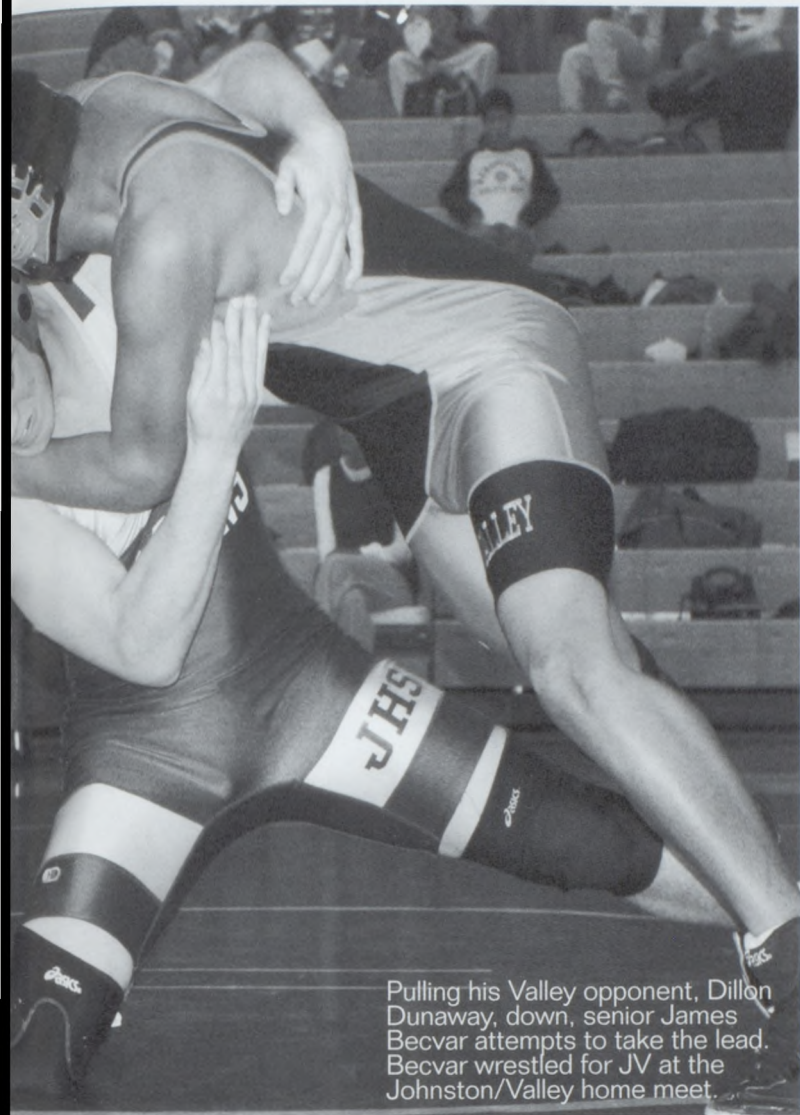


128 Coach Kevin Schulte

Struggling against his opponent, sophomore Tony Dooley fights to break free. Dooley wrestled in the 125 lb. weight class in the Dowling Catholic meet.



photo by Mindy Dickerson



Pulling his Valley opponent, Dillon Dunaway, down, senior James Becvar attempts to take the lead. Becvar wrestled for JV at the Johnston/Valley home meet.

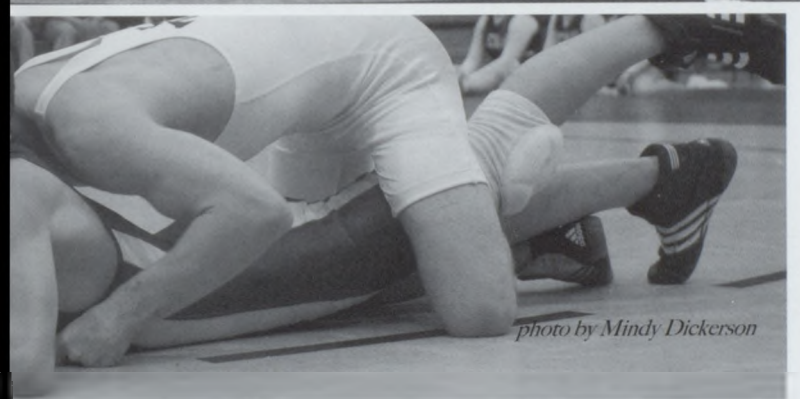


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Shaffer qualifies for State

Sophomore wrestler wins districts after wrestling JV all season.

Thousands of eyes stared down at the mats where one sophomore's adrenaline pumped; sophomore Stephen Shaffer was competing at the state wrestling competition at Wells Fargo Arena. "Holy Crap! I'm at state," Shaffer said, "I couldn't believe I had made it this far."

Coach Mark Schillerstrom designed practices to help wrestlers improve. "We try to make the environment competitive and tough," Schillerstrom said. "(We prepare) the entire season for state, all matches, drilling, tryouts, running, conditioning, weight control, wrestling. Everything is for preparation for the district and state tournaments."

Shaffer started the season wrestling JV. He then decided he wanted to push himself and wrestle a varsity teammate in his weight class to earn a spot at districts. "Learning how to wrestle and keeping up with speed with other people was very difficult," Shaffer said. "It was hard keeping up with people, but I felt like I was ready to wrestle-off a varsity player."

Shaffer won the wrestle-off and qualified for districts. "I mixed old moves with new moves to win the wrestle off," Shaffer said. "I couldn't believe I had won."

Shaffer won all three matches at districts, qualifying him for state. "It was surprising and shocking that I made it to state," Shaffer said. "I was the sixth seed in the bracket after districts."

At state, he lost his first match 0-11 to Hoover's James Jones. In his second match, Shaffer was pinned by Waterloo West's Kirk Stallis Jr. "Stephen's state matches were about what was expected," Schillerstrom said. "He had a tough match first round, plus it was clear that he was nervous, a natural reaction. In his second match, Stephen relaxed a little and wrestled a lot better."

"I was really excited and I was really nervous too," Shaffer said. After losing both rounds, Shaffer stayed positive. "Even though I didn't win, the experience was great, and I want to do it again next year." *Spread by Mindy Dickerson and Steven Williams.*



pieces of me

The most valuable **pieces** of JHS were the students within its walls, however torn and crumbling they may have been. The students of JHS were from all sorts of backgrounds, ethnicities and cultures, and it was these **pieces** of them that formed the spirit of JHS as a whole. In this section you'll find out bits and **pieces** about random students that make them who they are. Without approximately 1200 students coming together and taking on an identity as students of JHS, this year never could have taken place.

photo by Amanda Gabbert



"Let me here your 'dragon spirit!' the crowd cheers as the varsity boys' basketball game against Roosevelt goes into overtime. With the help of all the students that attended, Johnston pulled through and won the game.

JESS

If you could be in any magazine, what would you be in?

Probably *Oorah* because (Barack) Obama and Dane Cook might be in there, too!

What do you look for in a friend or significant other?

I like people who know how to have a good time but can still be serious and mature when the fun is over.

How would you describe your style?

I like to flaunt the usual jeans and t-shirt. I like to save getting dressed up for the weekends. That way it looks more social, rather than just what people wear everyday.

What is your biggest regret?

I don't have any regrets. All of my past mistakes have made me stronger and shaped me into the that person I am today.

Jess Gambrel '08

Soread by
Caitlin La'kin



ERIC

What is your biggest fear? Why?

Not being successful at what I do; it's the worst feeling in the world.

What is your earliest childhood memory?

When I was six, I was under the teeter-totter and my friend on the other side lifted it up and hit my face and cracked my tooth.

Do you read your zodiac?

Why or why not?

No, I don't need to read those things to make me feel better about myself.

I couldn't live without...
my car.

What was the last thing you ate?

Caramel Nut Crunch-the best cereal ever.

Eric Olguin '08



Patrick Ackelson



Paul Adam



Ryan Alfred



Christopher Anaqnot



Erik Anderson



Mark Anderson



Karissa Andrews



Stephanie Babcock



Nicholas Bass



Jess Bast



Alex Battani



Brooke Batterson



Bret Baderstadt



Melinda Bean



Brittany Beane



Hunter Beck



Ian Beck-Cross



Chelsea Berry



Jeremy Biggs



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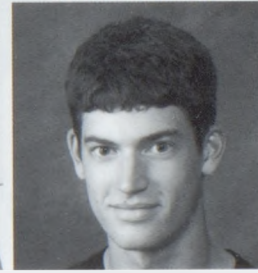
Shaylea Bradford



Nathan Breen



Joseph Broich



Taylor Brown

What was the best day of your life and why?

The day I got booty trained, because then I didn't have to go outside anymore.

Have you ever eaten a crayon? What color?

Yes, they all taste the same.

If you could name yourself, what would your name be and why?

Chuck Norris, so I wouldn't have to pay taxes.

Who is your Hollywood crush and why?

Taylor Swift, because her voice is mellow yet intense, and same with her body.

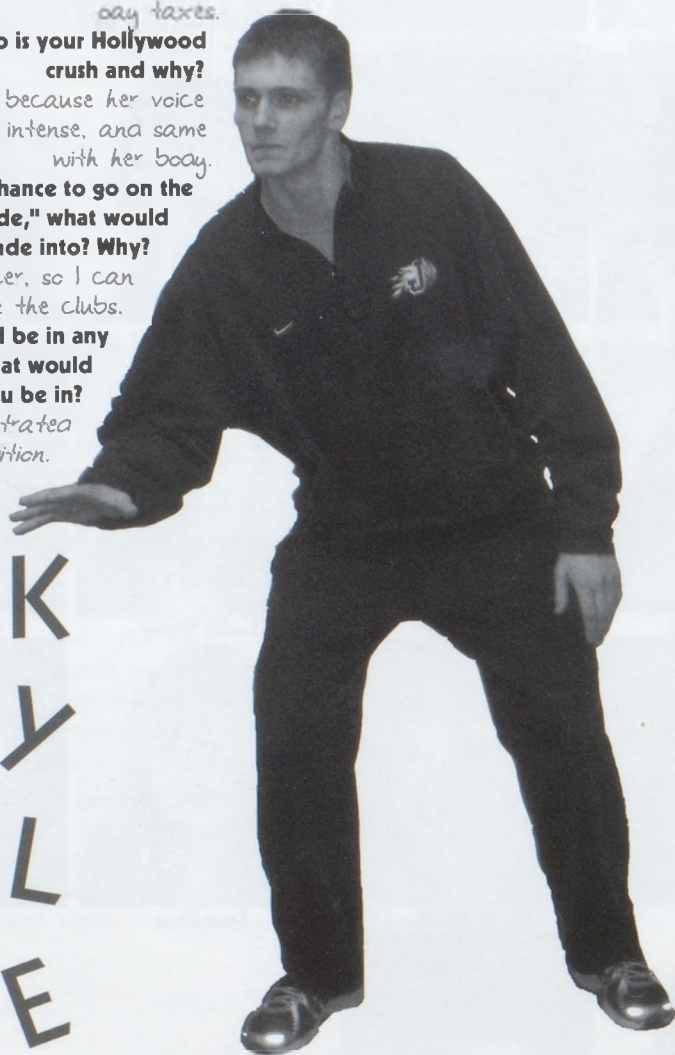
If you had the chance to go on the MTV show "Made," what would you be made into? Why?

Break-a-nacer, so I can dominate the clubs.

If you could be in any magazine, what would you be in?

Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition.

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Kyle Sievers '08



Spread by
Megan Kellogg
& Cody Zoss

BRITTANY



If you had the chance to be on the MTV show "Made," what would you be made into? Why?

I would definitely want to be made into a rock superstar! I love to sing all day everyday.

My destination is...

Everywhere. Freedom to travel the world is one of the best qualities of being a human being.

What is your earliest childhood memory?

When I was about five or six years old, my dad, sister, and I were all racing to answer the phone. My sister bumped into a chair hitting my dad and my dad ran into me. Then I bumped straight into the corner of the wall with my head. After that, all I could remember was getting stitches my head.

Brittany Beane '08



Ben Bruckshaw



Taylor Bryant



Alyssa Buckley



Monica Campbell



Ryan Campbell



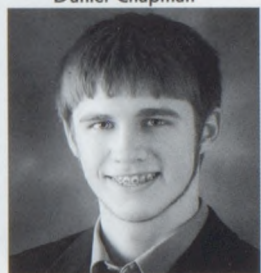
Daniel Chapman



Timothy Clay



Bradley Cleveland



Christopher Cline



Ryan Coffman



Alexander Conrad



Nikolas Cook



Paula Cruzen



Natalie Cunningham



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Katherine Burggraaf



Justin Butler



Joshua Camos



Bethany Christenson



Jessica Christiansen



Brittany Clark



Hannah Clarkson



Nathan Clock



Meridith Cloyd



Courtney Coakley



Austin Coble



Rebekah Cooper



Lauren Cordes



David Cox



Steven Crain



Rachel Dankbar



Rexford Davidson



Kevin Willis '08

KEVIN

Have you ever eaten a crayon?

What color?

When I was in pre-school I ate a blue crayon. Blue is my favorite color so I assumed it would taste good.

What was the last thing

you ate?

Boolejacks.

If you could be in any

magazine, what would

you be in?

APG (Action Pursuit Games) it is the "too" paintball magazine.

What is your earliest childhood memory?

I was in Hawaii and I wanted to go outside, but I had to eat breakfast. I was upset.

Soreas by
Abby Weaver



What is your natural hair color and what colors has it been?

My natural hair color is brown. I dyed it once sookomore year and that was a bad idea! It was dark brown with a reddish tint. Not a good look for me. I finally dyed it back to it's normal color, but for about a year it looka really bad!

Imginary friend's name was...

Mongli, from the *Jungle Book*. My parents were seriously concerned.

What is your favorite memory from your childhood?

My favorite memory from my childhood would have to be going to my granama's house in Adel. She and my granoo owned a motel and car repair shoo. I'd soena every weetenad with them. My brother and I would build forts in the backyard, and we'd walk to the Dairy Strioe and catch frogs on the bike trail. Sometimes Granama, Granooa, Danny and I would out a blanket over the kitchen table and sit under it and tell ghost stories. My favorite was my granooa's story about the evil Easter Bunny.

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Chelsea Berry '08



Darin Davis



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Nicholas Davis



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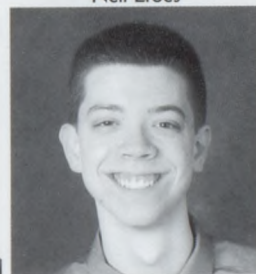
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Joseph Evans



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Samantha Dearden



Timothy DeSplinter



Nathan Dewhurst



Zachary Dicken



Heather Dickinson



Justin Dierks



Kari Dockum



Lauren Doherty



Michael Ellis



Ronald Ellsworth



Michael Elming



Leah Embrey



Shawn Fagen



Caitlin Farrell



Yury Fedorov



Madison Fiedler



Elisabeth Fuller



Derek Furrow

MANDY

If you could change the color of the sky, what would it

be and why?

Pink; 1) because it's the best color ever and 2) a pink sky could only make pink snow. What could be better than pink snow?

Most embarrassing moment?

Getting told I look like Britney Spears every day of my life! Ew!

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

I wouldn't change a thing! I'm finally happy being me. I have a good start to life and numerous people that love and care for me unconditionally. Right now that's all that matters.

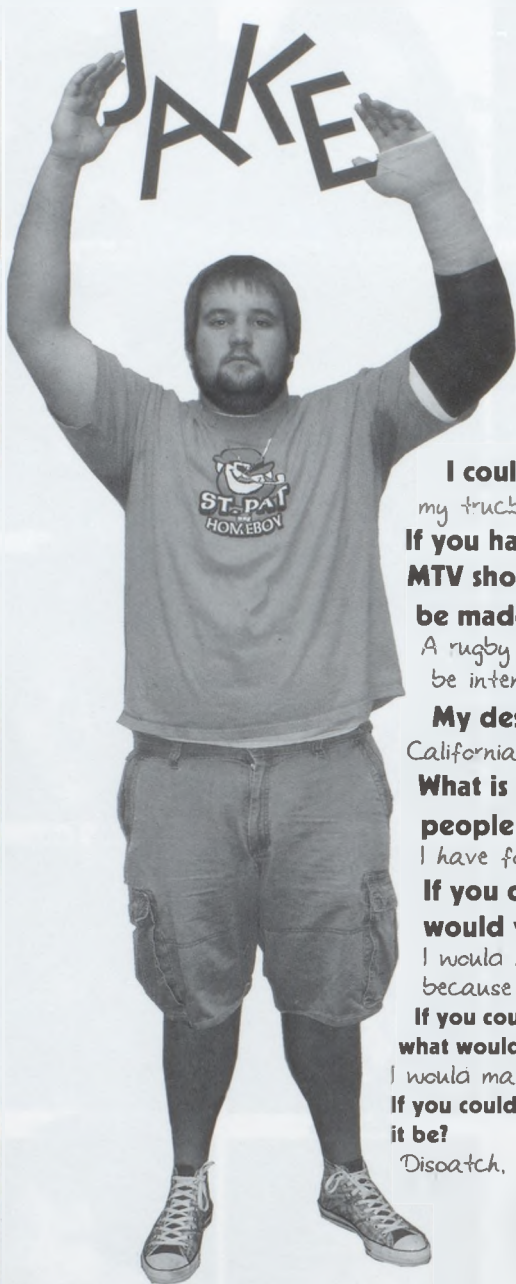
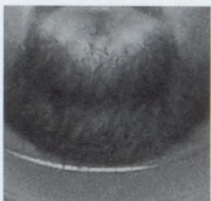
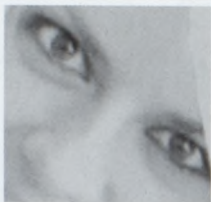
If you could go on the MTV show "Made," what would you be made into? Why?

An aggressive in-line skater because I'm totally uncoordinated and it looks like a lot of fun. Plus no one would ever imagine me doing it.

Mandy McWherter '08



Soread by
Matthew Courtney



I couldn't live without...

my truck namea Saroy.

If you had the chance to go on the MTV show "Made," what would you be made into.

A rugby player. I think it would be intense.

My destination is...

California for college. I love taking off.

What is you secret weapon to lure people in?

I have four niooles.

If you could name yourself, what would you name yourself and why?

I would name myself Big Paooa because I love the song.

If you could change the color of the sky, what would it be and why?

I would make it clear so I could see soace.

If you could go to any concert, what would it be?

Disoatch, Dave (Matthews), Jack Johnson

Jake Highfill '08



Cory Gagne



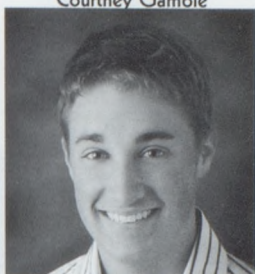
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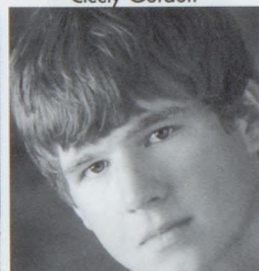
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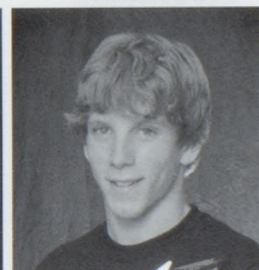
Kyler Hanson



Ryan Harm



Austin Hartsook



David Hellmer



Luke Helscher



Soread by
Leah Kron

**If you could be
any animal, what
would it be and why?**

A octohin because I would get to see
the entire ocean and would be able to flio
out of water.

**Would you rather travel in a car
or in a plane? Why?**

A plane because it would be sweet to have
my own orivate jet.

**If you had the chance to go on the MTV
show "Made," what would you be made
into? Why?**

A surfer because I have always wanted to
do that and it would give me something way
different to exoerience.

What is your most embarrassing moment?

I have a lot but I don't actually get
embarrassea. One of them was at candlelight
during leadershio. I said, "Hi, my name is
Megan, and I'm a sook... I mean junior.. I
mean senior." Everybody
just laughed.

Megan Davis '08



EVAN

What is your biggest fear?

Going out to play a basketball game and forgetting to put my shorts on under my warm-up pants, and then taking my pants off.

I couldn't live without...

God. He is always there for me.

What is your biggest regret?

Not going out for football my senior year. I had to quit for a year because of an injury, but I wish I would have gone back out my senior year.

What is your idea of a perfect date?

Dinner, movie, coffee.

Evan Summa '08



Audrey Henning



Laura Hilby



Christopher Hill



Nicholas Hinkle



Cullen Hirst



Soren Hirst



Jonathan Holt



Andrew Houp



Danielle Hudson



Allison Hughes



Andrew Hummel



Nick Hunsberger



Katelyn Ingersoll



Sayli Ites



Grant Jacobson



Reid Jewell



Jacob Johanik



Brady Johnson



Allyson Joslin



Candice Juarez-Connolly



Megan Junge



Daniel Just



Lauren Kacere



Hemraguly Kakaliyev



Joseph Kanauss



Zachary Kendall



Lindsey Kiesling



Hannah Kimrey



Colleen Kinsey



Alexander Klopfenstein



Carson Kness



Shayla Krause



Leah Kron

NATALIE

Soread by
Cory Gagne

If you could be in any magazine, what would you be in?

I'd be in *Shoe* because then if I was in it, it'd mean I was in shoe in *Shoe*!

How would you describe your style?

My style is just fun. I'll wear leggings, jeans, dresses, boots, heels, flip-flops, tights, blouses, vests, jackets- whatever! It all depends on how I'm feeling- never sweats though. I dress to impress.

I couldn't live without...

My planner or my Bible. They both keep me on track of my life and help remind me of what I need to do.

What is your biggest fear?

That I'll die without touching one person's heart because I want to help at least one person for this world needs us to make it better and you have to start somewhere.

Natalie Cunningham '08



My imaginary friend's name was(is)...

Beanie the furry blue elephant.

If you could change the color of the sky, what would it be and why?

Puce, because it's a funny name for a color, and I want to hear "Nothing but ouce skies today," on the news.

What is your secret weapon to lure people in?

My legendary wit and sense of humor. (It is) well-known across six continents, 31 countries, spoken of in 43 different languages, orchesied by ancient civilizations, and used occasionally on "The Tonight Show."

Describe a strange or weird goal you have for yourself.

To have dinner with Jack Black, Bear Grylls, Morgan Freeman and Robin Williams (all at once).



ALEX

Alex Kloofenstein '08



Catherine Kucera



Chelsea Kumbera



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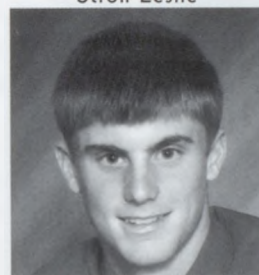
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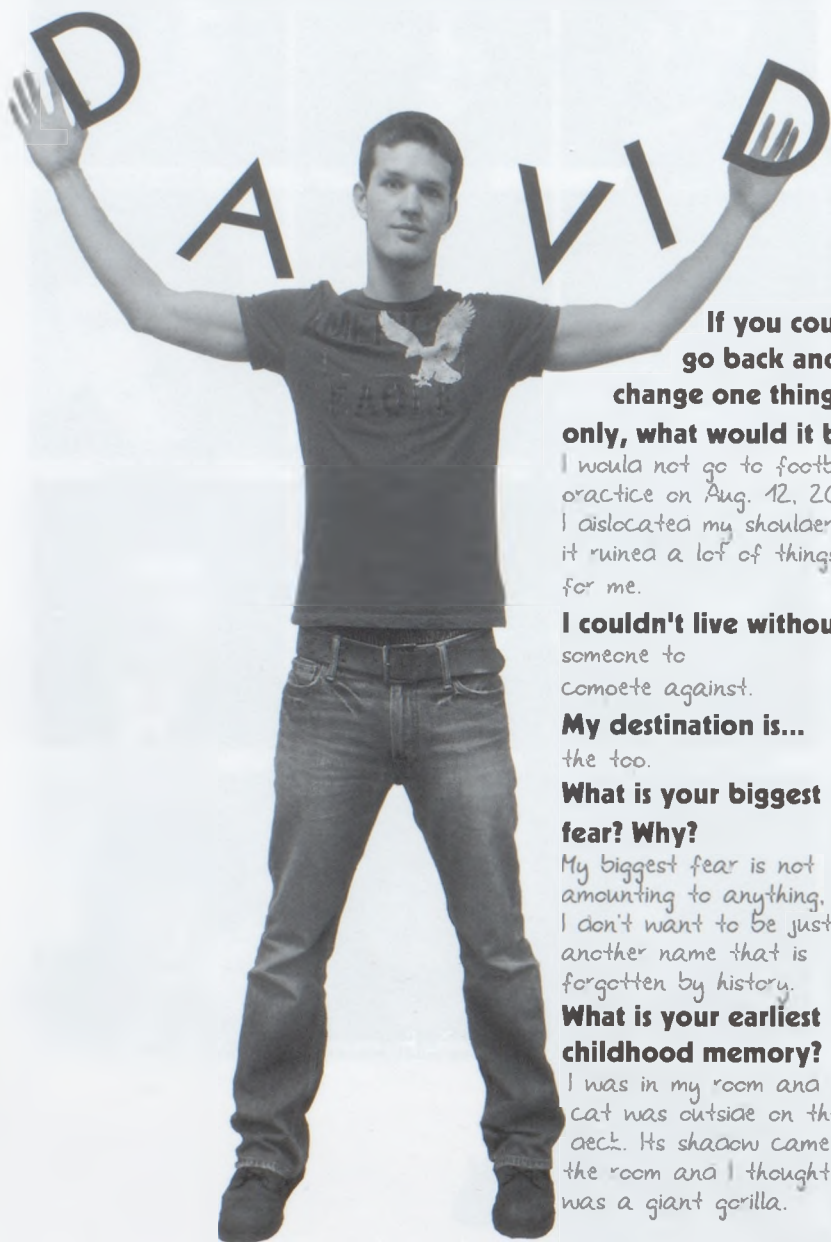


Samantha McConeghey



Kory McCracken





If you could go back and change one thing only, what would it be?

I would not go to football practice on Aug. 12, 2005. I dislocated my shoulder, and it ruined a lot of things for me.

I couldn't live without...

someone to compete against.

My destination is...

the top.

What is your biggest fear? Why?

My biggest fear is not amounting to anything. I don't want to be just another name that is forgotten by history.

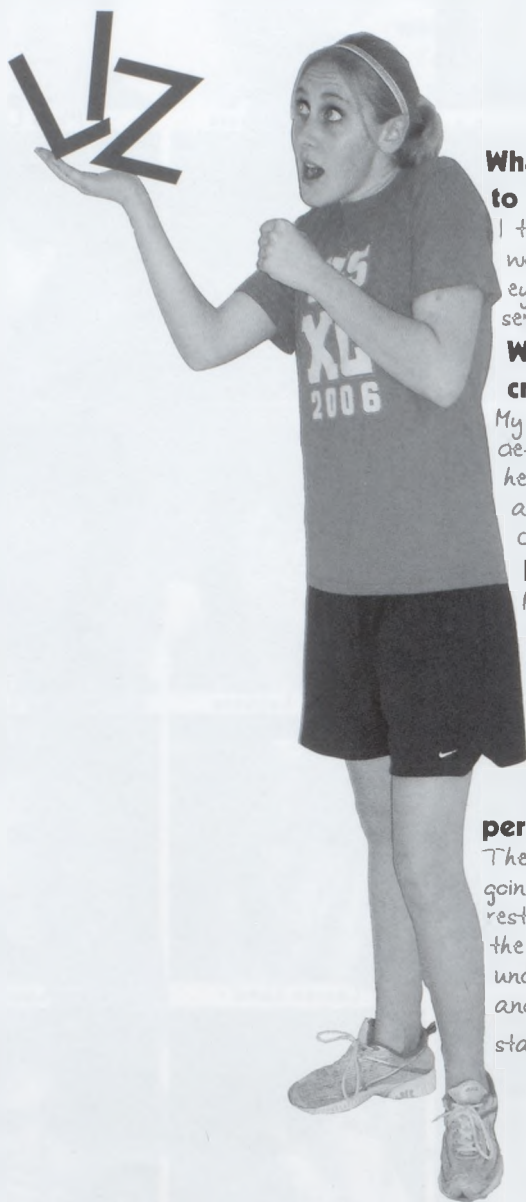
What is your earliest childhood memory?

I was in my room and our cat was outside on the deck. His shadow came into the room and I thought it was a giant gorilla.

David Cox '08

Sorea
Azra





What is your secret weapon to lure people in?

I think my secret weapon would either be my big, blue eyes or my singing voice to serenade them.

Who is your Hollywood crush and why?

My Hollywood crush is definitely Zac Efron because he [is] so gorgeous, and he is a really good actor. Plus, he can sing ... Always a bonus!

I couldn't live without ...

Music, obviously. Whether I'm the one singing or just listening to music on the radio/ my iPod; it just helps me get through everything, good or bad.

What is your ideal perfect date?

The ideal date for me is going out to a really nice restaurant and then going into the countryside and laying underneath the sky and gazing up at the stars. Romantic!

Liz Fuller '08



Allison McGrew



Jack McIlhon



Amanda McWherter



Muhammed Muhammed



Benjamin Mulaosmanovic



Heather Muscovitz



Steven Ostiguy



Matthew Palmer



Ryan Palmer



Austin Pierce



Carli Pike



Renee Pike



Lauren Proffitt



Haley Ramsey



Richard Rebouche



Courtney Miller



Michael Minton



Allison Moffitt



Shea Morgan-McIntosh



Eric Norris



Katie Norris



Kaitlyn O'Toole



Eric Olguin



Alyssa Patten



Philip Patten



Andrew Payne



Amy Phillips



Dustin Pirie



Kory Plagge



Jesse Poor Thunder



Jennifer Pray



Derek Reicks



Jay Riehm

COLLEEN



If you could name yourself, what would you name yourself and why?

Love, it's my French name, it's pretty, and everyone says it fits me.

My destination is...

Canada. I plan to go into international business, move to Canada, and marry a famous hockey player.

Do you read your zodiac? Why or why not?

Yes! They are always describing my life. I have signed up for a daily e-mail that gives my horoscope.

Would you rather travel by car or plane? Why?

Car, ever since I went to Europe I find planes really dirty.

Colleen Kinsey '08

Spread by
Olivia Schiefelbein



**What's your natural hair color?
What colors has it been?**

The color that my hair is now is my natural color. I've never colored it or gotten highlights. As much as I complain about being a red head, I'm afraid if I did I wouldn't be able to get the normal color back.

Most embarrassing moment?

My face got hit by a banana hurled across the lunchroom in the first weeks of sophomore year. It hit my nose and eyes really hard so my eyes just started watering like I was crying, and everyone stood and looked. On top of all that, I turned bright red. Definitely not my cutest moment.

What was the best day of your life?

Not school appropriate. But you it involves mini skirts, a flat tire on a gravel road, a bass guitar, and some sensitive knees.

Torey Robinson '08



Torey Robinson



Scott Roese



Amie Roesser



Susanna Saradeth



Kyle Schares



Matthew Schillinger



Nicole Schoop



Christian Schoper



Michael Schultz



Stephanie Siemer



Kyle Sievers



Daniel Sigmund



Stephanie Solis



Joshua South



Justin Sparland



Veronica Roshek



Erica Russell



Meri Russell



Paige Sanders



Jenna Schissel



Max Schnittker



Benjamin Schnurr



Michele Schoop



Benjamin Scieszinski



Phillip Shaw



Patrick Shockey



Emily Shoeman



Jordain Skarphol



Amber Smith



Andrew Smith



Leann Smoldt-Saenz



Taylor Spartz



Joshua Sprinkle

**If you could change the color of the sky,
what would it be and why?**

White, so everyone could paint their own sky.

**What's something that you could do as a
parent that your parents did for you?**

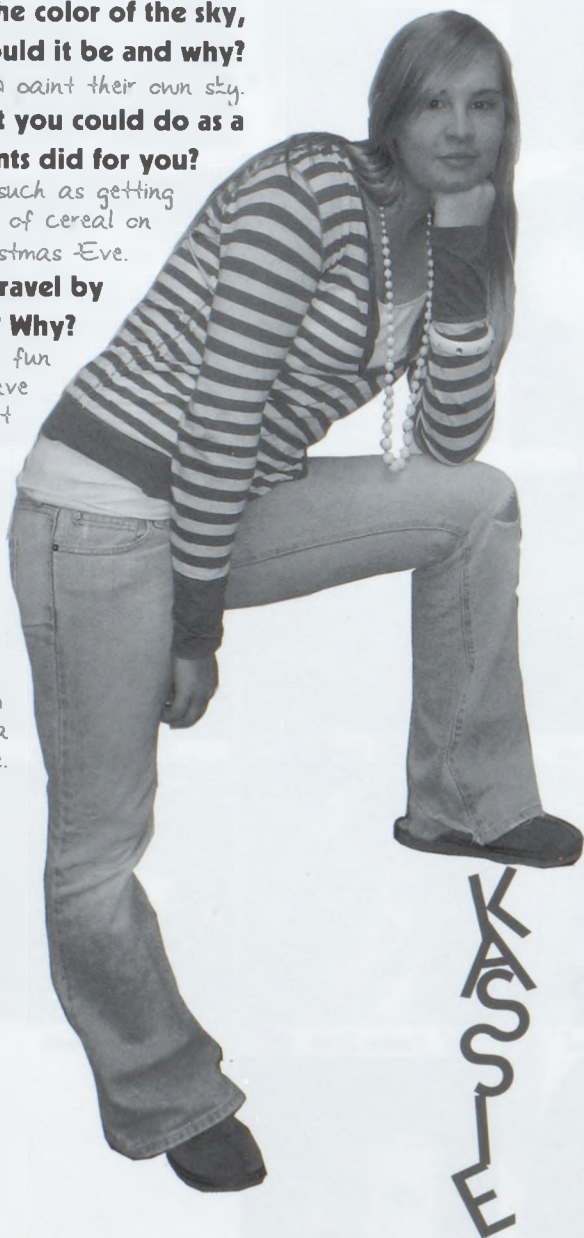
*Christmas traditions, such as getting
my favorite box of cereal on
Christmas Eve.*

**Would you rather travel by
car or plane? Why?**

*Plane. Planes are more fun
because you don't have
to drive at all. You just
chill and talk to your
family/friends. It does
not take as long to
get places.*

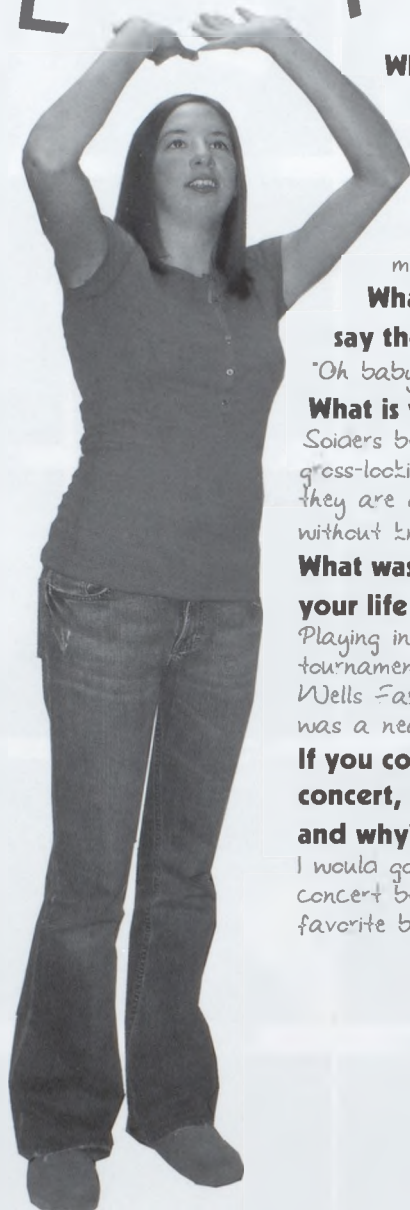
**What is the last thing
you ate?**

*Cookies-n-Cream ice
cream. It's probably
my favorite ice cream
because it mixes vanilla
and chocolate.*



Kassie Fortney '08

LAURA



Spread by
Nicole Postel

**What is your earliest
childhood
memory?**

When I was three years old, I tripped on a rug and broke my collarbone.

**What phrase do you
say the most?**

"Oh baby!"

What is your biggest fear?

Spiders because they are gross-looking, and I'm afraid they are going to crawl on me without knowing.

**What was the best day of
your life and why?**

Playing in the state tournament basketball game at Wells Fargo Arena because it was a neat experience.

**If you could go to any
concert, what would it be
and why?**

I would go to a Goo Goo Dolls concert because they are my favorite band.

Laura Hilby '08



Rachel Spurgin



Alexander Stanbrough



Rachel Stanley



Jarrod Steen



Julia Steggerda



Naiyana Stiles



Brianna Stone



Evan Stone



James Stone



Marina Suarez-Perez



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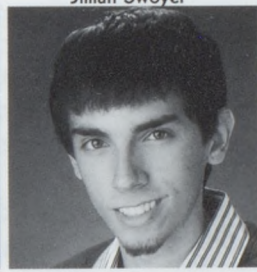
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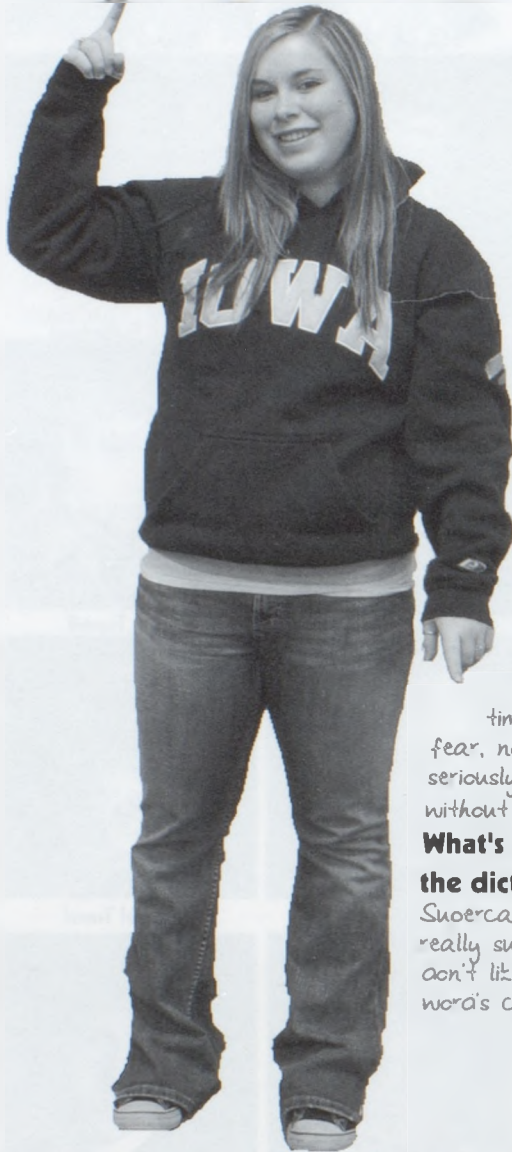
Jacob Vander Ploeg



Tucker Vasey

MICHELE

Soread by
Sammy McConeghey



If you could name yourself, what would you name yourself and why?

Nicole (my twin sister), because she looks just like me.

What is your biggest fear?

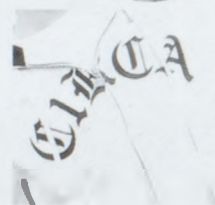
Dying because I'm afraid it will hurt. I'd rather just die peacefully in my bed- not in a painful, gory, long, strung-out death.

I couldn't live without...

My cell phone. I text all the time. That's my second biggest fear, not having my cell phone. I seriously don't know what I would do without it.

What's one word that should be in the dictionary?

Suercalifragilisticexoialioocious. It's a really cooler word and it's fun to use. I don't like Mary Poppins, but I think the word's cool.



Michele Schoco '08



BRET

Have you ever eaten a crayon? What color?

I ate a green one recently.

What was the last thing you ate?

A green crayon.

Hate/Love Myspace/Facebook? Why?

Mysoace/Facebook steals your soul. I think there are better uses of your time than Mysoace/Facebook.

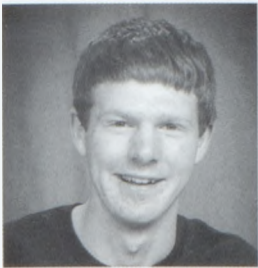
What's your idea of a perfect date?

One that doesn't go wrong. A candlelit dinner at a fancy restaurant because I like food.

If you had the chance to go on the MTV show "Made," what would you be made into? Why?

I would learn to play the violin or cello or something because they seem like very interesting instruments to play. It has strings so I think I could play it.

Bret Beaderstadt '08



Heath Verhasselt



Bailey Vidmar



Jennifer Villegas



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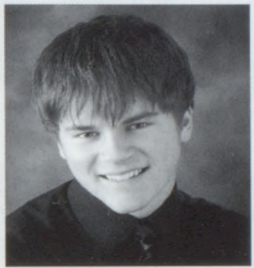
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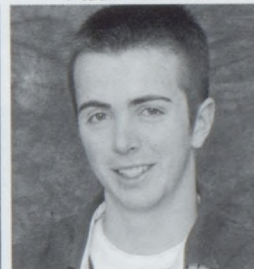
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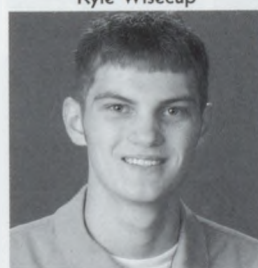
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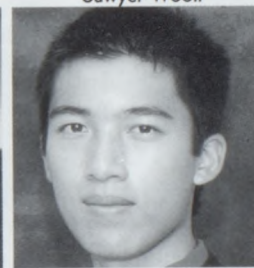
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 Katherine Bonney
 Kelsey Bowen
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 Brett Brones
 Justin Brooks
 Shelby Brose
 Ashley Brown
 Linda Brown
 Zachary Bruce
 Zachary Buckley
 Sarah Buller



Mathew Bunting
 Jordan Bussanmas
 Joel Butitta
 Brandon Butts
 Caroline Byrd
 Shelbie Caldwell
 Randi Cameron
 Tiffany Camp
 Austin Carlisle



Soread by
Latie Norris



If you could be any animal, what would it be and why?

Puma, because they are sweet, and they can run really fast. I would like to go to the jungle someoay.

What is your most random moment?

During homecoming between dinner and the dance I hit a median on Merle Hay (Road) doing 55 mph (and) oooood a tire.

Who is your Hollywood crush and why?

Jessica Alba. Do I need a reason?

Would you rather travel by car or plane?

Why?

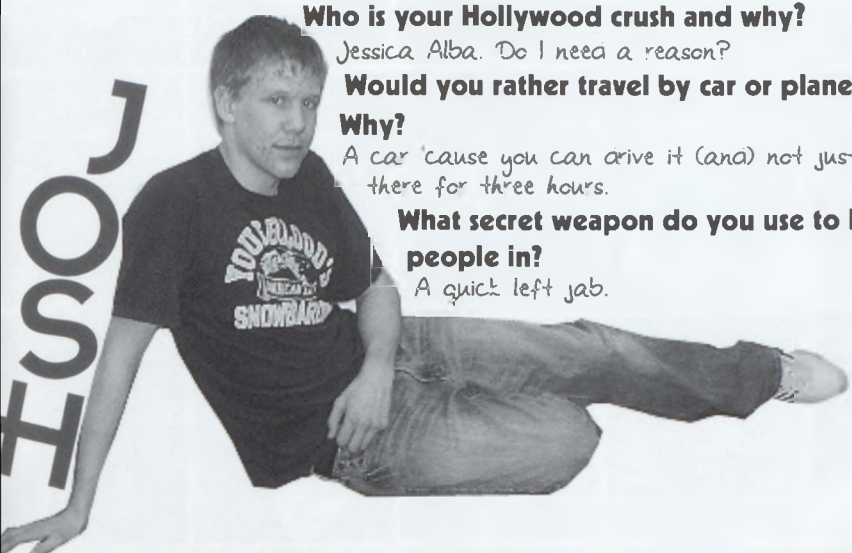
A car 'cause you can drive it (and) not just sit there for three hours.

What secret weapon do you use to lure people in?

A quick left jab.



JOSH



Josh Hansen '09



TINA



What is your most embarrassing moment?

For my second grade talent show, I decided to play my piano recital piece. A quarter of the way through it, I forgot the rest of the song, and I stopped playing. I ran off the stage and didn't come back until several acts later.

If you could go to any concert what would it be and Why?

(If I could) travel back in time, I'd go see Joy Division. If not, I'd go see The Cure, unfortunately they don't play in Iowa.

If you could be any animal what would be and Why?

I would be an owl, so I can stay up all night and sleep all day. Also, I'd be able to fly and go wherever I want.

What is your earliest memory?

My earliest memory was from when I was two, I was asking a stewardess for something to drink when I was flying to America.

Tina Li '09



Spencer Cartwright

Kelsey Cashman

Cody Catron

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Ally Chen

Taylor Chesnut

Alyssa Christensen

Kathleen Christiansen



Hailey Christianson
 Hope Christopher
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 Dylan Cue
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 Mindy Dickerson
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 Nemanja Djuric
 Nathan Dowdy
 Kerri Dreibelbeis



Jessie Dubas
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 Michael Eddinger
 Tyler Eden
 Jacob Eggers
 Brooke Egly
 Ashley Elliott
 Breanna Ellis
 Charles Ellsworth



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 Sarah Engstrom
 Eric Everett
 Michael Faley, Jr.
 Nicole Feaster
 Tessa Fenimore
 Stephanie Ferguson
 Dustin Fish



Vedrana Forcan
 Jake Forrester
 Kenneth Foshe
 Derek Foster
 Adam Frakes
 Jared Frank
 Lindsay Fredrickson
 Michael Friesth
 Erin Funk





Soread by
Sammy
McConeghey

ABBHEY

If you could go to any concert, what would it be. Why?

Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds because they are amazing and the closest thing to Goa you can get.

If you could be in any magazine, what would you be in?

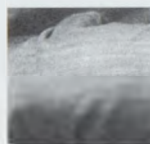
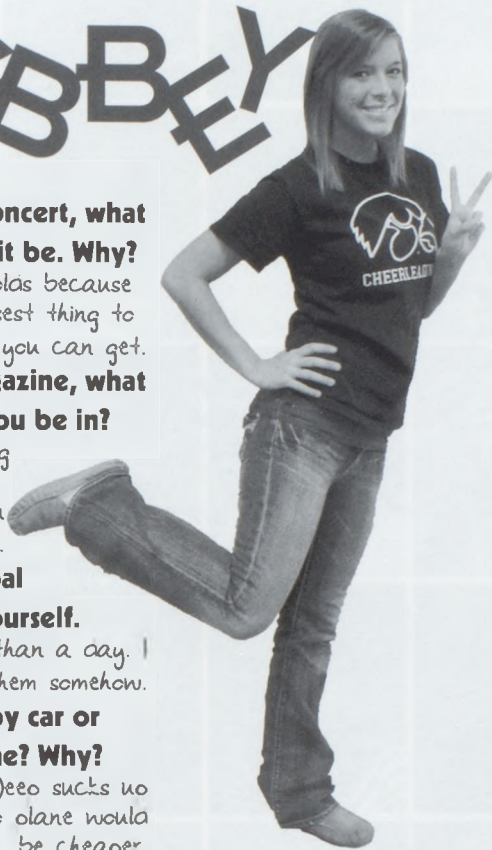
Teen Vogue because that's young and fashionable, and that's what I'm into. I want to design wedding dresses.

Describe a strange or weird goal that you have for yourself.

Keep a flower living for more than a day. I always kill them somehow.

Would you rather travel by car or plane? Why?

Car would be more fun, but my Jeep sucks so gas like there's no tomorrow, so plane would be cheaper.



Abbey Nelson '09



If you had the chance to go on the MTV show "Made," what would you be made into? Why?

Well, probably a spoiled brat, but wait, that's what you have to be to get on the show. I hate MTV, where'd the music go?

What was the best day of your life. Why?

I hope I haven't had the best day of my life yet, because that means it's all downhill from there.

In your opinion what is the best word to say? Why?

Nowadays anything can be taken out of context and used as a sick joke.

If you could be in any magazine, what would it be?

I don't read magazines, or yearbooks, so I probably won't even read this.

NATE



Nate Johnson '09



Natasha Furnish
Amanda Gabbert
Christopher Gail
Ta-Aqua Galler
Alexandra Garland
Christopher Gearhart
Kaeleigh Gebard
Jessica Gedden



Austin Gehm
 Jessica Georgick
 Elizabeth Gesirich
 Kaleigh Gillaspay
 Bogdan Gilmudinov
 Cole Glenn
 Matt Goodhue
 Joseph Gowdy
 Anne Gray



Mykal Greene
 Aric Greenfield
 Alexa Guessford
 Kyle Gunn-Conner
 Christian Haas
 T.J. Hageman
 Caitlin Haler
 John Hall
 Randy Hamilton



Joshua Hansen
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 Cameron Hart
 Duane Hatfield
 Morgan Haugland
 Jacob Heil
 Adam Helgeson
 Neal Herink
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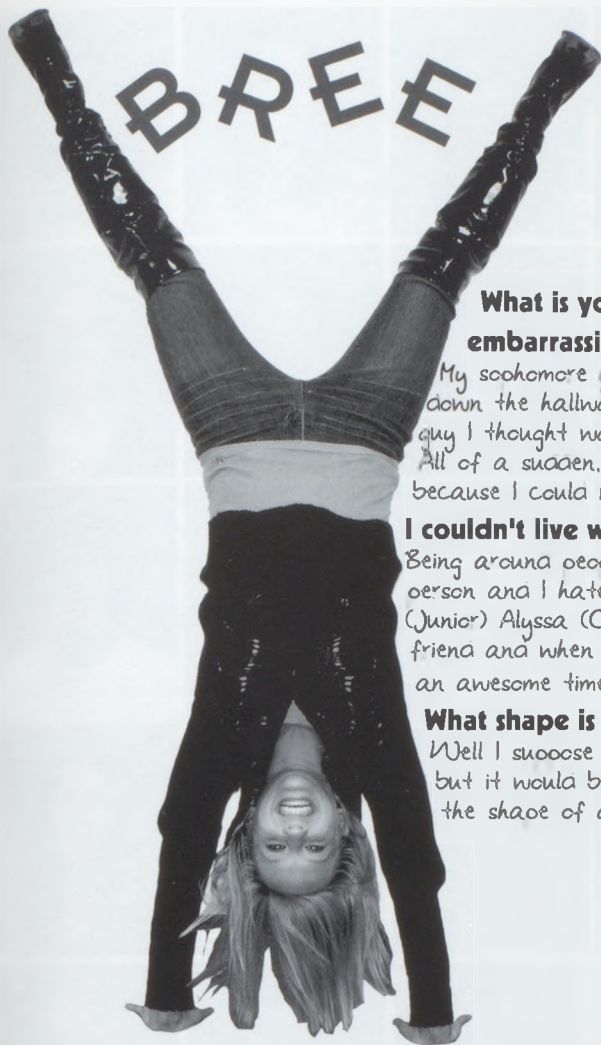


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 Senuri Jayatilleka
 Austin Jensen



Zachary Jensen
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 Alex Johanik
 Amanda Johns
 Bryce Johnson
 Haley Johnson
 Kelsea Johnson
 Nathaniel Johnson
 Taylor Johnson





Bree Amos '09

Soread by
Cody Zoss

What is your most embarrassing moment?

My sophomore year I was walking down the hallway when I saw this guy I thought was absolutely gorgeous. All of a sudden, I ran into the wall because I could not stop staring.

I couldn't live without...

Being around people. I'm a very social person and I hate being bored or alone. (Junior) Alyssa (Christensen) is my best friend and when we go out we have an awesome time!

What shape is the sky?

Well I suppose the sky is a sphere, but it would be cooler if it was in the shape of a clover.



What do you look for in a friend or significant other?

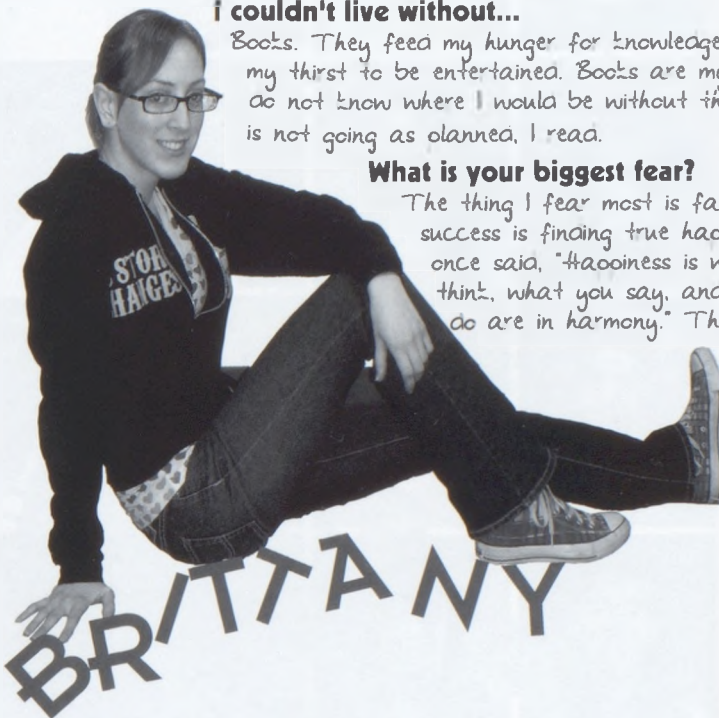
I like to surround myself with people who possess personality traits that I lack, perhaps in hopes that the good traits will rub off on me. I enjoy meeting optimistic people who have strong goals and can carry on the occasional intellectual conversation.

I couldn't live without...

Books. They feed my hunger for knowledge. They quench my thirst to be entertained. Books are my oxygen, and I do not know where I would be without them. When life is not going as planned, I read.

What is your biggest fear?

The thing I fear most is failure. To me, success is finding true happiness. Gandhi once said, "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony." This harmony is important to me, and I will do all I can to seek this, and grasp it by the hand.



Brittany Deal '09



Thomas Jones
Alma Jovancevic
Samantha Jungman
Allison Kane
Laura Keller
Justin Kightlinger
Kayla Kightlinger
Holly Kimball



Leah King
 Madison Kintz
 Mollie Kipp
 John Kirchner
 Michael Kirkman
 Anthony Knapp
 Cali Kness
 Taylor Knuth
 Madhumitha Koduvalli



Aaron Koethe
 Venisa Kolubdzic
 Jesse Koughn
 Matthew Kretzinger
 Jonathan Krueger
 Amy Kruger
 Tyler Kubik
 Korey Kunze
 Anna Kurns



Joseph Lakers
 Laureca Landwehr
 Spencer Lang
 Gregory Larpenter
 Devyn Lenaghan
 Cody Lenz
 Krystal Lewis
 Tina Li
 James Light



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 Brittany Long
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 Meredith Luksetich
 Joseph Lyons
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 Yelena Malycheva
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 Justin McCormick
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 Hayley McDonald



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 Nathan McGinley
 Leah McMillan
 Alexandra McPherren
 Brad Meek
 Molly Mellinger
 Emily Meng
 Aaron Meyer
 Nicole Meyer





DEREK

Soreas by
Katie Norris

If you could go back in time and change one thing, what would it be?

I wouldn't necessarily change it, but I would go back to 1963 and see if someone on the Grassy Knoll was the person who shot Kennedy.

What is your biggest fear? Why?

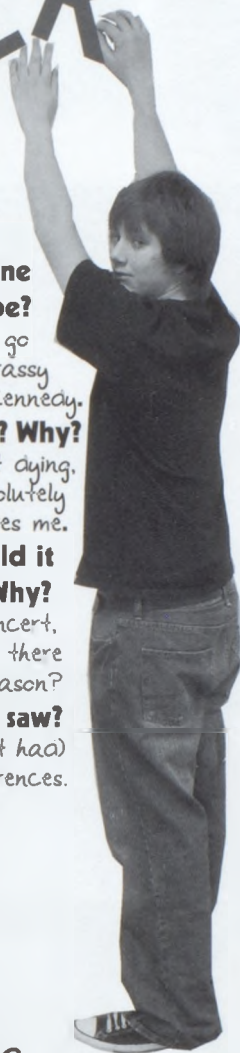
To do nothing with my life, I just think about dying, looking back on my life and realizing I did absolutely nothing. It just scares me.

If you could go to any concert what would it be? Why?

It would have been the Led Zeppelin reunion concert, the one in London, 'cause it's Led Zeppelin- is there any other reason?

What was the last movie you saw?

I Am Legend. It was great, until the end, but (it had) lots of Marley references.



Derek Danielson '09



Describe a weird or strange goal that you have for yourself.

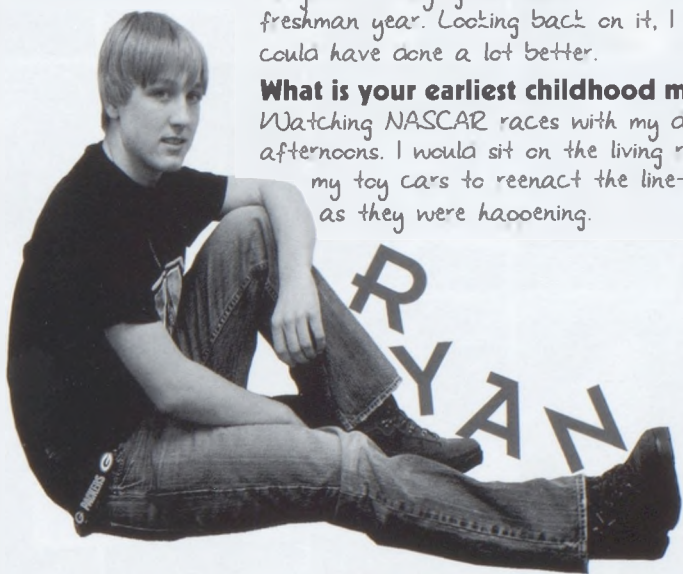
Most kids want a new 2008 or 2009 model car. Unlike them, I would like to own a 1969 or 1970 Plymouth Barracuda. It would be pearl white with blue racing stripes. The engine would be supercharged, and it would have chrome trim and rims.

What is your biggest regret?

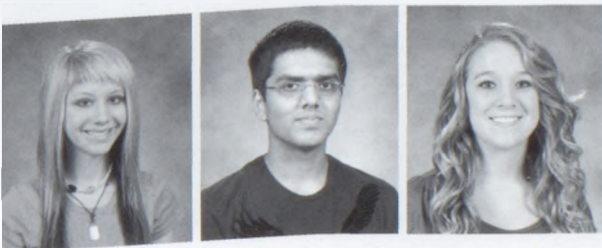
I regret not trying as hard as I should have during my freshman year. Looking back on it, I did all right, but I could have done a lot better.

What is your earliest childhood memory?

Watching NASCAR races with my dad on Sunday afternoons. I would sit on the living room floor and use my toy cars to reenact the line-up of the drivers as they were happening.



Ryan Coomes '09



Samantha Meyer
Jerrid Michener
Shaun Miller
Brock Mills
Jeremy Minor
Kelsey Mitchell
Huzzaifa Mohammad
Amber Morales



Jeremy Mullen
 Maneet Multani
 Ernad Muratovic
 Matthew Murray
 Ajdin Nadarevic
 Alan Nagel
 Abigale Nelson
 Chelsea Nelson
 Jonathan Nelson



Laura Nelson
 Michelle Ness
 Kate Nielsen
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 Maddie Norelius
 Alfred Norte
 Ethan Nutter
 Dain Opland
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 Cody Sapp
 Colton Schaben
 Olivia Schiefelbein
 Kaitlyn Schmitt
 Breanna Schreier
 Keaton Schuck





CODY

What was the best day of your life? Why?

Friday, February 15! I met Danny and Wes from "The Real World."

I have always dreamed of being on "The Real World," and it was amazing to meet them.

Describe a strange or weird goal that you have for yourself.

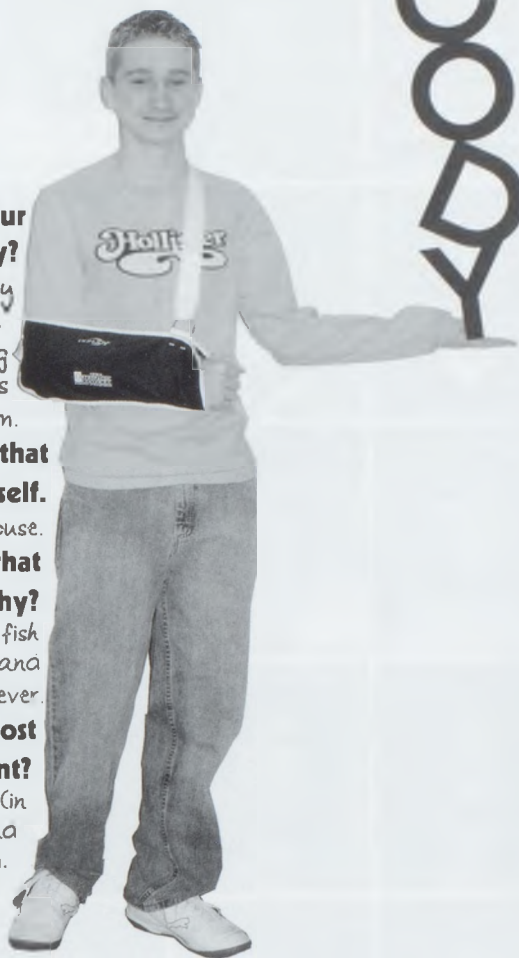
To be in "The Real World" house.

If you could be any animal, what would it be? Why?

I would be some kind of tropical fish because they are amazingly colored, and they can swim forever.

What is your most random moment?

First, fracturing my foot marching (in the band). Then, falling on ice and bruising my arm.



Cody Lenz '09



Soread by
Sam Dearden



**What was the best day of
your life? Why?**

The first time I watchea "One Tree Hill."

Who is your Hollywood crush? Why?

Chad Michael Murray because he is one
good-looking man!

**What do you look for in a friend or a
significant other?**

Someone who looks like Chad Michael Murray.

What is your idea of a perfect date?

A date with Chad Michael Murray.

What is your biggest fear? Why?

Soiders because when I was little I watchea
Arachnophobia, and soiders came out of the
showerhead.

**What is your earliest
childhood memory?**

Getting in trouble for stealing Rolos at the
grocery store.



S T A C I

Staci Smith '09



Aaron Schultz
Emily Schwartz
Rebecca Scott
Tyler Seay
Adi Sehic
Andrew Selberg
Michael Semple
Colleen Shannon



Kacei Sheridan
 Kevin Shi
 Madalyn Simbro
 Christie Sitzer
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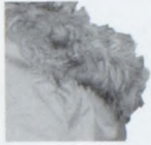


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Soreas by
Matayla
Coulson



What is your most embarrassing moment?

On a church retreat, I locked the keys in the car and we had to call a lock service to come and unlock the door. Everyone was giving me a hard time about it because they couldn't get their stuff. It took about four hours for them to unlock the door.

What is your earliest childhood memory?

When I was four or five, my brother and I were playing on the playground in my backyard and we saw bugs; so naturally we started trying to kill them with elastic hockey sticks. Then my brother got the bright idea of getting the biggest rock he could carry and dropping it on the bugs, but when he threw it, I was under him and it hit me and cracked my head open. I came screaming into the house with blood oozing from my head.

I couldn't live without...
FOOD!!

JACOB

Jacob Clabaugh '09



Who is your Hollywood crush? Why?

Jake Gyllenhaal. He is so good at acting. His best movie is *Donnie Darko*. He's so creepy and out there in that movie, that it's hott. I would totally love to meet him.

What is your most embarrassing moment?

I fell into a huge puddle of Tide at K-Mart. I was soaking all over on my left side. I tried to get it off with water in the bathroom but it just made tons of bubbles. My school crush was there and made fun of me at school the next day. It was in fourth grade, and it's still the most embarrassing thing!

What do you look for in a friend or significant other?

Well he has to be cute, charming, sarcastic, nice to others, goofy, and be able to drive. Oh, and I don't like smokers! A smoker with an asthmatic doesn't mix well!

NATASHA



Natasha Furnish '09



Tyler Waltz
Mike Weese
Joshua Wenndt
Brienne Westlake
Whitney Wheeler
Amanda Whitney
Benjamin Wilkens
Paul Williams



Ashley Williamson
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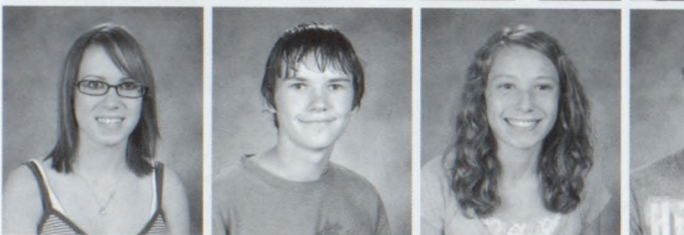
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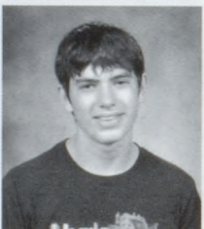


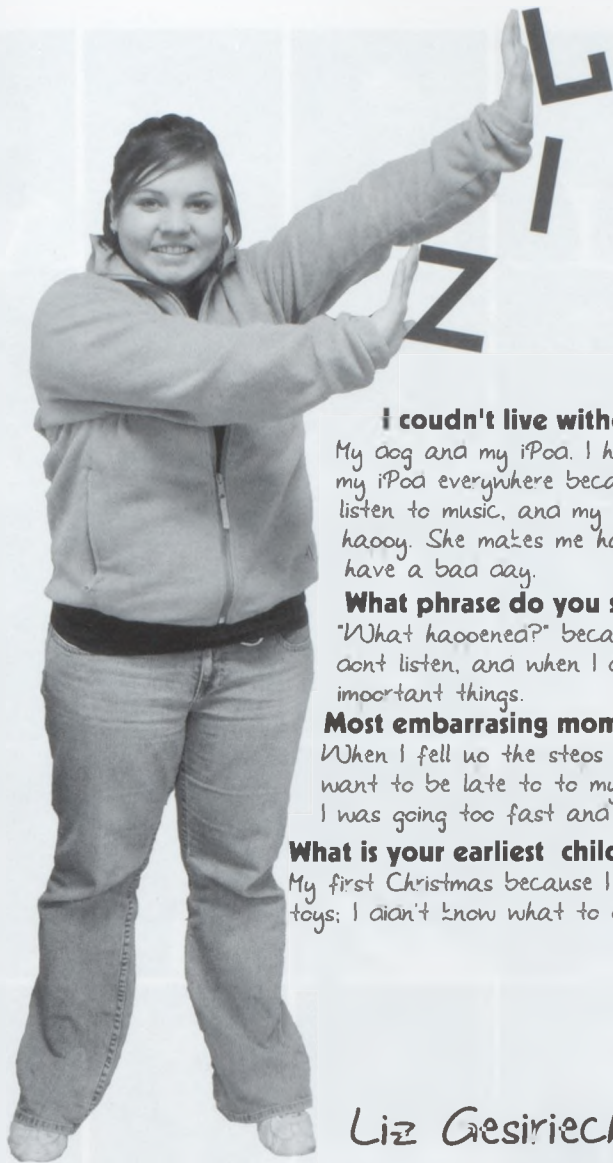
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 Derek Buchholz







Liz Gesiriech '09

I couldn't live without....

My dog and my iPod. I have to take my iPod everywhere because I love to listen to music, and my dog is very happy. She makes me happy when I have a bad day.

What phrase do you say the most?

"What happened?" because I really don't listen, and when I don't I miss some important things.

Most embarrassing moment?

When I fell on the steps at school. I didn't want to be late to my first class, and I was going too fast and tripped.

What is your earliest childhood memory?

My first Christmas because I got so many toys; I didn't know what to do with them all.

Soread by
Erin Funt



MORGAN

If you had the chance to go on the MTV show "Made," what would you be made into? Why?

If I could be on "Made" on MTV, I would want to be a boxer! I'm so strong. I love working out; beating things up relieves stress. I let my anger out. Also, if any guy tried to mess with me, I could beat him up.

I couldn't live without...

My dogs and energy drinks. Those two things make me happy; they both put me in a fun and positive mood.

How would you describe your style?

My style is more laid back and comfy; usually a zip-up hoodie from Victoria's Secret or Abercrombie with my jeans or my yoga pants.

What is your earliest childhood memory?

My best childhood memory would be watching "Ninja Turtles" 24/7 and playing with Legos with my brothers. That was about all me and my brothers did growing up.

Morgan Haughland '09



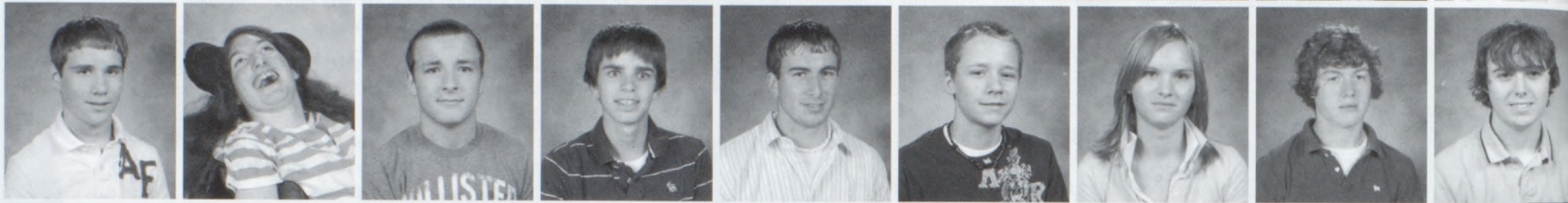
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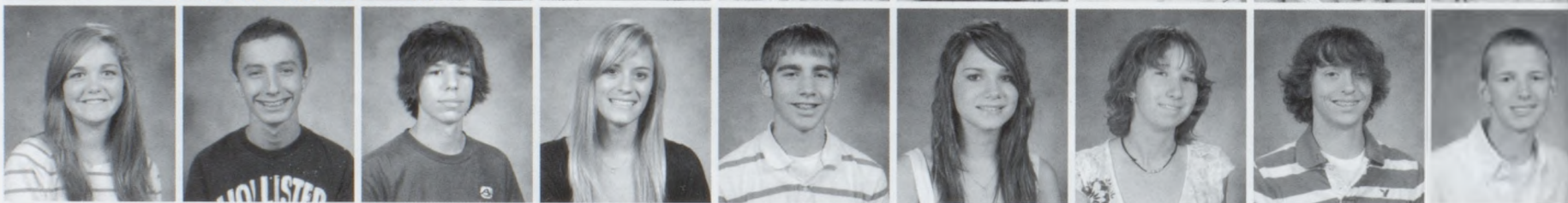
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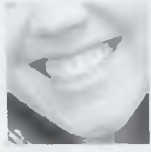
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Soreas by
Bethany
Christensen



My imaginary friend's name was...

Cochie. He lived in my parents' shower!

What is your most random moment?

I randomly just burst out laughing for no reason at all. It's kind of weird.

If you had the chance to go on the MTV show "Made," what would you be made into? Why?

I would be made into a dancer.

I think dancing is so unique and entertaining, and they have sick bodies, too.

In your opinion, what is the best word to say?

Sick nasty. It means suocer awesome.

ANNE

Anne Fleming '10





CHRISTIAN

What is your secret weapon to lure people in?

My soaring personality and oearly-white smile.

Have you ever eaten a crayon?

No, but the other day in Algebra I ate some oink Play-Doh. It was really salty, and I wouldn't recommend doing it.

I couldn't live without...

Music. It's basically the only thing I'm good at, and no one can take that away from me.

What was the last thing you ate?

Chicken Tortilla Souo. (Moan in delight)

Christian Oatts '10



Travis Fish
Kassie Fisher
Anne Fleming
Morgan Foldes
Mitchell Fondell
Katherine Fox
Ryan Francois
Benjamin Freese



Meridith Freese
 Brittney Gagnon
 Amy Gansemer
 Tanner Gardiner
 Lauren Gehrke
 Brianna Gerke
 Timothy Gerzema
 Emma Gesirich
 Kyler Gifford



Jared Gilbert
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 Alexander Giusto
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 Griffin Idleman
 Andrea Iler
 Kirsten Ingersoll
 Ross Ingersoll
 Nikki Iizer





Stylish by
Nicole Postel

Describe a strange or weird goal that you have for yourself.

Starting sometime this summer, my strange goal is going to be to grow a mustache.

In your opinion what is the best word to say?

I think the best word to say is "sweet," just because it's original. I use it all the time and it never loses its greatness.

What is your earliest childhood memory?

My earliest childhood memory was when I was two. I tripped and fell hitting the corner of a wall, cutting a laceration on the side of my head.

I had to go to the hospital and get staples out in to help heal the wound.



Lucas Dunshee '10





If you could go to a concert who would it be?

Justin Timberlake. I've loved him ever since N*SYNC.

What's your natural hair color? What colors has it been?

My natural color is what it is now (blonde). I've never dyed my hair before.

Hate or love Myspace/Facebook?

I'm not a big fan of Myspace anymore, but I love Facebook. It's a good way to communicate with people.

If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be?

Definitely to be a little taller, at least 5'4".

Abby Burch '10



- Alex Jacobsen
- Benjamin Jacobson
- Dayna Jansen
- Ryan Johanson
- Blake Johnson
- Bryce Johnson
- Emalie Johnson
- Jessica Johnson

Karaline Johnson
 Kevin Johnson
 Riley Johnson
 Sara Johnson
 Lance Jones
 Nathan Jorgensen
 Andrea Juergens
 Sarah Jungman
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 Emily Kane
 Megan Kellogg
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 Mary Lindroth
 Alexandra Lindsey
 Kirstie Lindsey
 Christian Lloyd



Ryan Lower
 Evan Lundstrom-Yurdin
 Jimmy Luu
 Dwight Lykins
 Matthew Mahanna
 Madison Mandsager
 Julia Manning
 James Manson
 Sasha Markland





CLAIRE



Soread by
Sam Dearden



Describe a strange or weird goal that you have for yourself.

I want to watch the first 100 "Movies of the Year" (from *The Academy Awards*) before I die. I love watching good movies, so I figure they're the best of the best!

What's your natural hair color? What colors has it been?

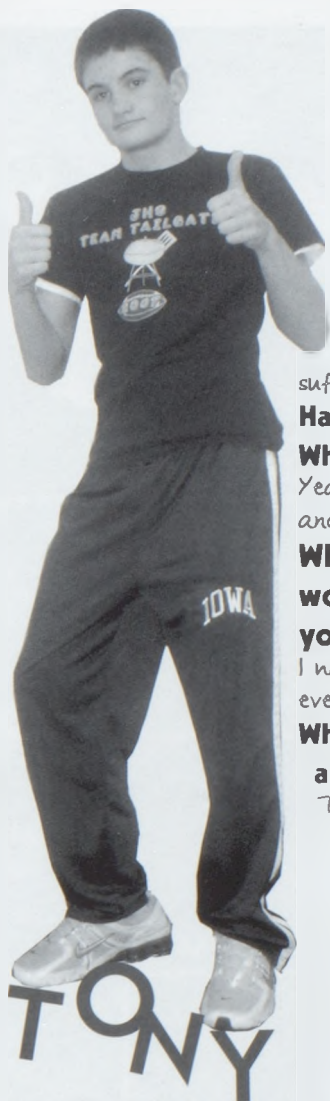
I'm naturally light blonde, but I have been *MANY* colors! I've been auburn, light light blonde, light with dark underneath, red highlights, strawberry blonde, crayon red, dark purple, light brown, and now I'm dark blonde, soon to be lighter! Some might say I have a problem...

In your opinion what is the best word to say?

I don't know. I guess something like beautiful or joyful, just because I strive to be joyful as often as possible, and I try to see the beauty in something, even if no one else can see it.

Claire Ottley '10





Tony Dooley '10

What is your biggest fear?

My biggest fear is fear, because I suffer from a oobia of fear.

Have you ever eaten a crayon?

What color?

Yeah, several: blue, red, orange and black.

What's something that you would do as a parent that your parents did for you?

I would haul my kids to their sporting events until they can drive.

Who is your Hollywood crush and why?

Tom Cruise because of his looks.



Kaitlin Mason
 Kody McCracken
 Andrew McCrea
 William McDowell
 Sean McGowan
 Alexandra McKeighan
 Andrew Meek
 Amanda Meier



Matthew Merrick
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 Scott Monroe
 Gregory Monson
 Kiera Morrill
 Kayla Morris



Austin Morrow
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How would you describe your style?

Laid back.

Hate or love Myspace/Facebook?

Hate, it's a waste of time.

Would you rather travel by car or plane?

Plane, it's faster and more fun than a car.

What was the last movie you saw?

The Bourne Ultimatum. It's the sickest movie ever.

What was the last thing you ate?

Hot dog and baked beans.

Colin Christenson '10



Soread by
Cory Gagne



What is your idea of a perfect date?

My perfect date would be ice skating out on a lake at night with Christmas lights all around. Then going inside and cuddling by the fire.

With hot chocolate.

If you had the chance to go on the MTV show "Made," what would you be made into? Why?

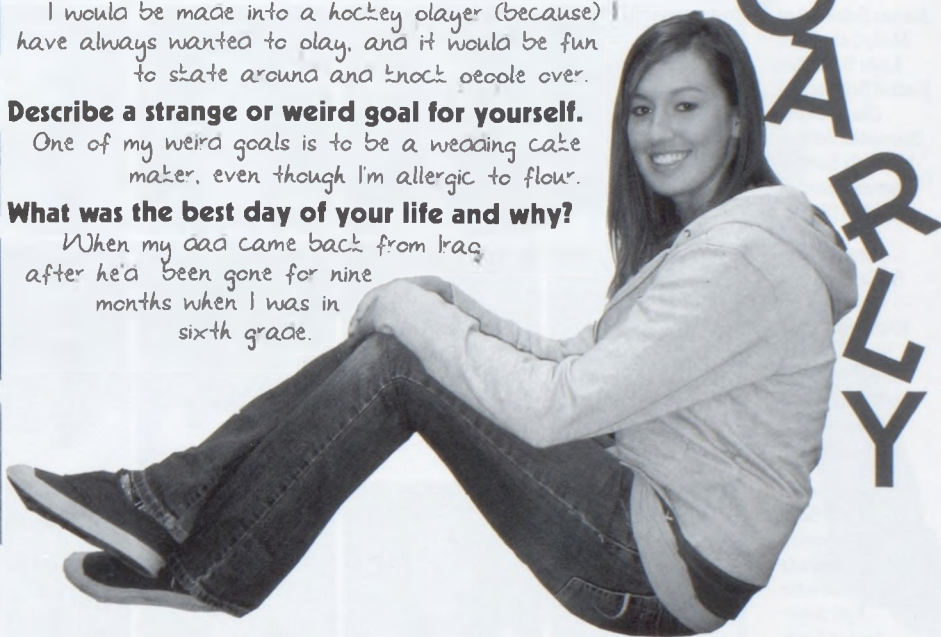
I would be made into a hockey player (because) I have always wanted to play, and it would be fun to skate around and knock people over.

Describe a strange or weird goal for yourself.

One of my weird goals is to be a wedding cake maker, even though I'm allergic to flour.

What was the best day of your life and why?

When my dad came back from Iraq after he'd been gone for nine months when I was in sixth grade.



Carly O'Keefe '10



- Lindsey Rasmussen
- Kenneth Ratekin
- Riley Rath
- Allison Rawls
- Robert Rebouche
- Alec Recker
- Loryn Reed
- Samuel Reed



Alex Richards
Khael Rosburg
Matthew Rose
Jennifer Ross
Kari Ross
Kayla Ross
Megan Roth
Braden Rupp
Sarah Russell



Brianna Ryan
Aldina Sabic
Courtney Sabus
Sara Salvini
Lauren Samson
Jordan Sandquist
Ciara Schaben
Victoria Schnittker
Alexander Schultz



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James Sevenich
Stephen Shaffer



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Ashley Sheeder
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Kirby Singleton
Blake Skartvedt
Miranda Smith
Nicholas Smith



Taylor Smith
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Kyle Soyer
Jordan Spain
Jennifer Spaulding
Deidre Spray



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Michael Stoeker
Emily Strom
Sara Stucker
Ajla Sudic
Alexandra Swift
Sanida Tabakovic
Margaret Taylor



LAUREN

Soread by
Matthew
Courtney

If you could change the color of the sky, what would it be? Why?

I would make it yellow. That way it would always look sunny because sometimes with the sky blue it makes it look so gloomy.

What is your idea of a perfect Friday night?

A night filled with nothing. I like to just hangout with my friends and maybe just watch a movie or something.

Would you rather travel by car or plane? Why?

I would rather travel by car because road trips are always fun, as long as you're with your friends and not your family!

What is your biggest fear? Why?

My biggest fear would be soldiers. They are so scary looking and they are big and move fast.

Lauren Samson '10



MATT

If you could go to any concert, what would it be

and why?

A Yellowcard concert or an All-Time Low concert because both bands are amazing, and I'm sure they would amaze the crowd and put on a good show.

What's one word that should be in the dictionary?

The word "snick" as a combination of sweet and sick because that word is snick.

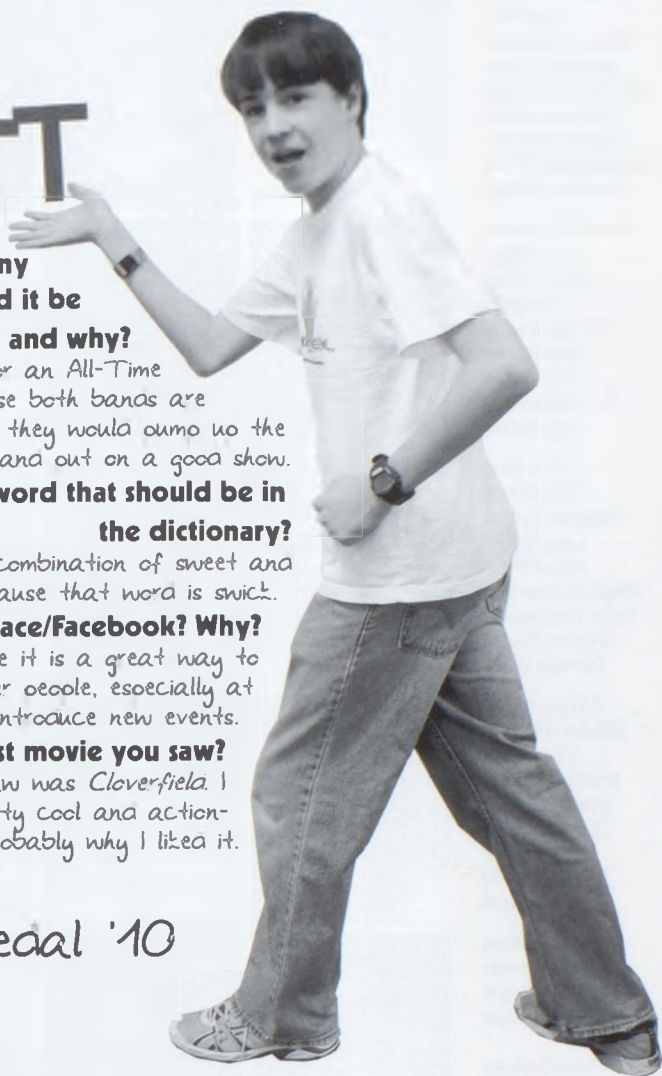
Hate or love Myspace/Facebook? Why?

I love Facebook because it is a great way to communicate with other people, especially at your school and to introduce new events.

What was the last movie you saw?

The last movie I saw was *Cloverfield*. I thought it was pretty cool and action-packed, which is probably why I liked it.

Matt Kneedal '10



Derek Temple
John Temple
Jordan Thompson
Madison Thompson
James Tran
Anna Tucker
Erica Tucker
Nicholas Tucker



Joseph Twickler
 Leslie Ulm
 Damien Underwood
 Katherine Upton
 Alexandra Van Langen
 Kjirsten Van Pelt
 Chelsea Van Yark
 Benjamin Vander Ploeg
 Christos Vardaxis



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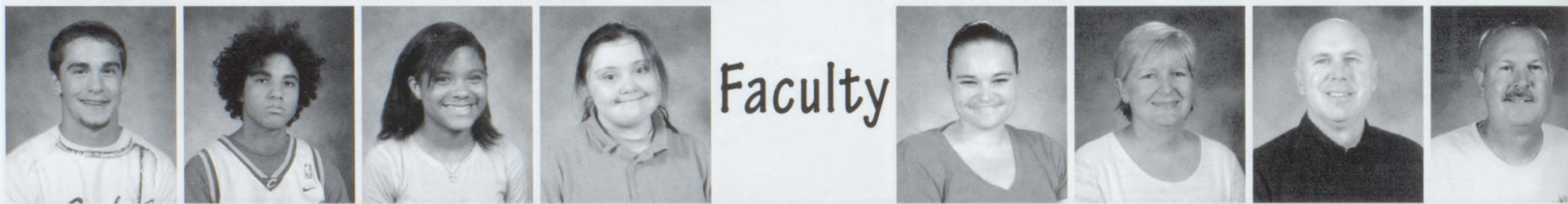
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 Vickie Borich
 Kayla Bousum
 Ted Brimeyer
 Rick Brooks



Sarah Brown-Wessling

Faculty

Soread by
Amaroa
Gabbert

My destination is...

To go down having the best time and (to) live a full life. My full life would be me fulfilling my dreams, such as becoming a lawyer (and) having a successful career. I want a huge family and a happy life. My destination is heaven.

I couldn't live without...

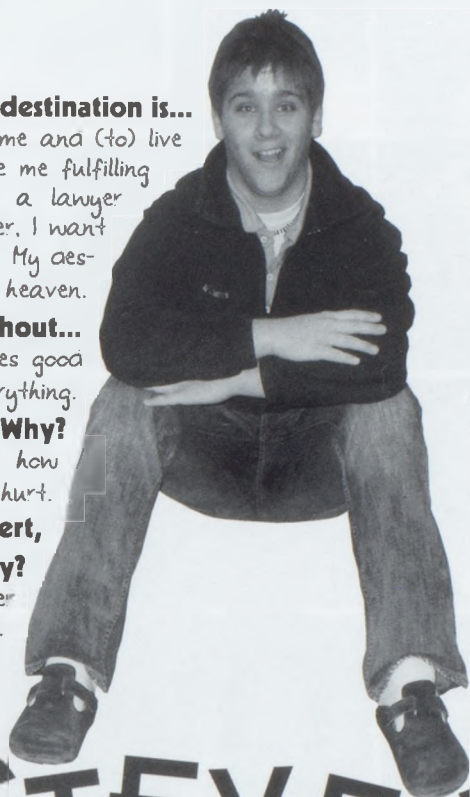
Peanut butter because it tastes good with everything.

What is your biggest fear? Why?

Falling, because I don't know how much it will hurt.

If you could go to any concert, what would it be? Why?

Dave Matthews and John Mayer because they are sick.

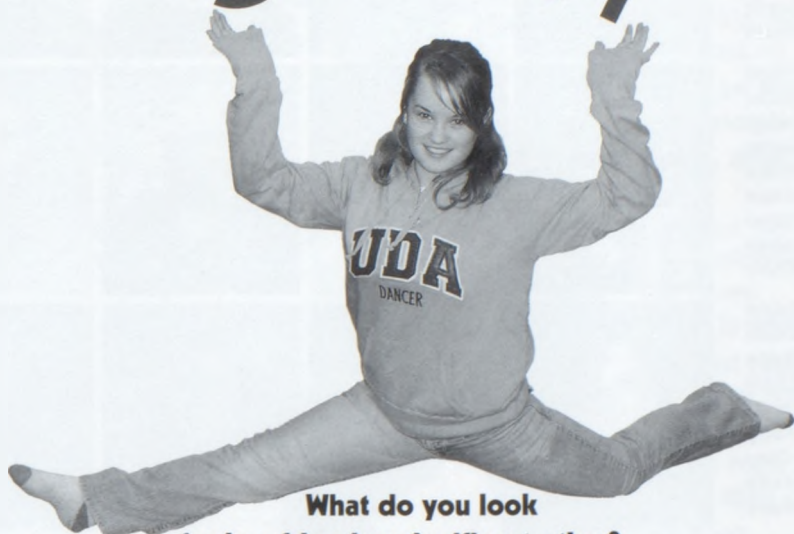


STEVEN WOODA
DANCER

Steven Williams '10



SARAH



**What do you look
for in a friend or significant other?**

Someone who makes me laugh, who listens, can handle random moments, and they have to be sweet.

What is your most embarrassing moment?

When I ripped my pants dancing in the parking lot.

What is your biggest regret?

Letting people go when I should have kept them close.

Have you eaten a crayon? What color?

No, but I ate an eraser.

Sarah Hurm '10



Kyla Burns
Teri Christensen
Sue Cline
Kelly Coleman
Dale D'apico
Rachel Dowhan
Mitch Eagles
Lois Faley



Rich Gradoville
 Stephanie Guthrie
 Ruth Hamilton
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 Patrick Mattingly
 Sue McCravy
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 Adam Paulson
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 Alicia Rollison
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 Mark Schillerstrom
 Christopher Siewert
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Steve Smith
 Chanhom Tharrington
 Brigid Townsend
 Michelle Tracy
 Sarah Van Waardhuizen
 Wendy Vanderport
 Jill Versteeg
 Sharon Vonhagen
 Kerry Voss





K O O B

Soreas by
Hannah
Emmerson



Describe a strange or weird goal that you have for yourself.

I've always had a fascination with outer space. I used to want to be an astronaut.

What's something

that you would do as a parent that your parents did for you?

Movie night...with really buttery popcorn.

Who is your Hollywood crush? Why?

It's a toss up between James Marsden, from *27 Dresses*, and Justin Timberlake.

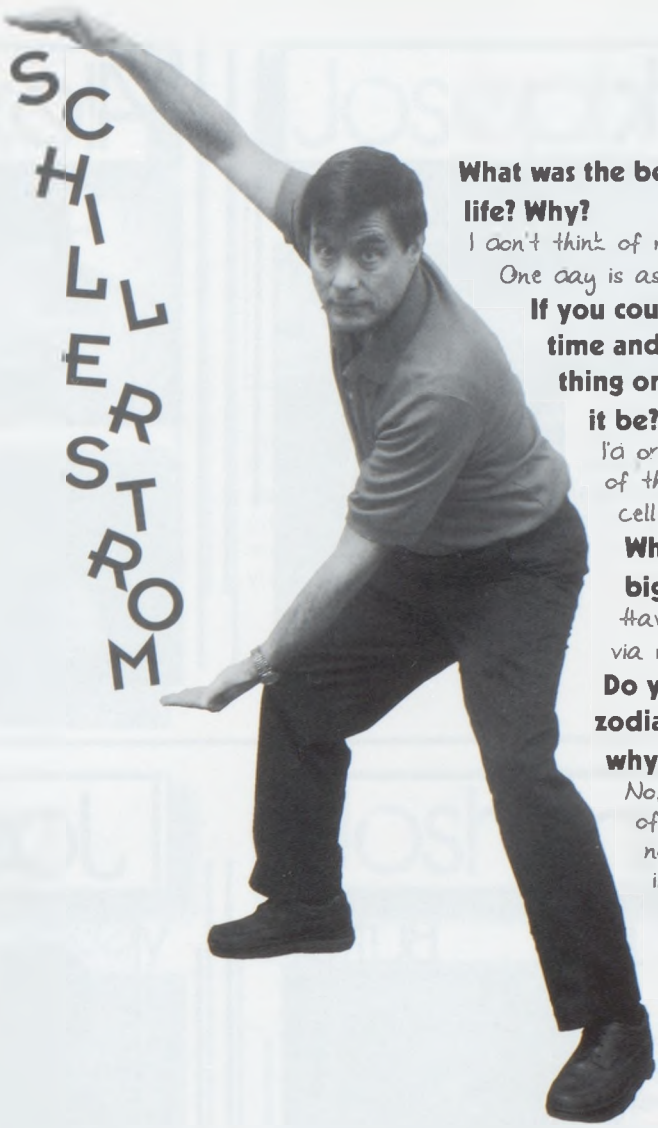
They are my guaco.

I couldn't live without...

Cheese...it's my chocolate.

Soanish Teacher/ Angela Koob





What was the best day of your life? Why?

I don't think of my life that way. One day is as good as the next.

If you could go back in time and change one thing only, what would it be?

I'd prevent the invention of the television or the cell phone.

What is your biggest regret?

Having to learn via my mistakes.

Do you read your zodiac? Why or why not?

No, the natural forces of the universe do not have my best interests/concerns at heart.

English Teacher/ Mark Schillerstrom



- Ros Weaver
- Jessica Webb
- Dan Weiss
- Melissa White
- Rodney Wiebers
- Abbi Wiemers
- Jeremy Yenger

Mark

Anderson

We know you will make it. We love you and are so proud of you, Mark. Let the gift of God's grace be your guide on your journey ahead.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Kara & Madison



Alex

Battani



Alex- You are a very special young man and a real to joy us! We are so proud of you! Always keep your wonderful sense of humor,

laugh often and keep smiling that great smile. A wonderful future is ahead of you- enjoy every minute!

Love-
Mom, Dad & Katie



Brooke

Batterson

Brooke, You are a gift from God. You started as this happy little smiling baby who could crawl faster than I could run. You have become the very strong, intelligent and beautiful young woman I still can't keep up with today. You have more drive than anyone I have ever met or ever will meet and it is going to take you places. Keep dreaming and please don't limit yourself by the obstacles. They merely make the journey more exciting and make you all the stronger. Remember that you have a family that loves you more than you will ever know.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge HIM, and HE will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6



Justin

Butler

For Justin who is always on the run!

With love,
Mom, Dad, Stephen,
Grandma, Doug,
Melissa & Callie



Joshua

Garnos



Josh, Since we brought you home from the Philippines, we found you to be one-of-a-kind! You are an athlete, a drummer, a comedian, a Christian, and a sensitive soul. Your life goal to 'protect and serve' is an honorable one. Believe in yourself. "In the same way, let your light so shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in Heaven." (Matthew 5:1) Work hard, laugh often, pray always!

Love ya,
Mom & Dad



Daniel

Chapman



Daniel, We are so proud of the young man you have become and of all of your accomplishments. God has truly blessed you with many talents.

Keep Him in your and heart and He will continue to shower His blessings on you. We love you lots!!!
Mom, Dad, Rachel & Pepper



Jeremy

Biggs



Jeremy,
You are a wonderful son and brother, and we are very proud of you! You have many qualities that are going to take you far in life:

kindness, compassion, work ethic, and a great sense of humor are just a few of those abilities. It has been such a joy to watch you compete and excel in swimming over the past six years- you have a natural talent! Your future is full of promise and joy!

Congratulations on graduation and best wishes at the U of I.

Love,
Mom and Tyler



Jacie

Blunt

As a baby for life you boldly fought,
Many humbling lessons you certainly taught,
We cherish you dearly for the wonderful young lady that you are,
Your compassion and enthusiasm for life will carry you far,
Wherever you go, you will be watched by our love,
Because you are the amazing daughter we always dreamed of,

Find joy each day and focus on fun and laughter,
And you will surely live happily ever after.

We love you!
Love,
Your family



Joseph

Braich



We have been blessed by a wonderful caring, sensitive, kind and loving son. You are a special brother to Rachel and Marissa and they adore you! Your persistence is a gift and your talents of writing and playing your guitar are examples of your quiet strength. Make your dreams your reality.

Mom & Dad

Nathan

Clock

Nathan,
You have been such a wonderful blessing to our family. Words alone cannot express how proud of you we are and the man you have become. You are a great son and an awesome brother.

Use the gifts God has given you. As you face new challenges trust in God and He will lead the way. Remember how much we love you. We are always here for you as you begin a new chapter in your life and pursue your dreams.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Amber & Spencer



Courtney

Coakley

Dear Courtney,
We're so proud of you! It has been wonderful watching you grow into the smart, beautiful, and kindhearted young woman you are today. Everything you have accomplished during school has prepared you for this moment. Your passion and dedication to years of dance training will also serve you well as you go off to college this fall:
"Dancing in all its forms cannot be excluded from the curriculum of all noble education; dancing with feet, with ideas, with words and one must also be able to dance with the pen."
-Friedrich Nietzsche

Love,
Mom, Dad, Meredith & Taylor



Josh

Danielson



Josh,
You've always had a creative spirit and a heart full of kindness and love. These gifts are blessings -- just as you have always been a blessing to us. We love you and are very proud of you. Your gifts will lead to a successful life.

With love,
Mom and Dad

Rexford



Davidson

Too quickly the years have passed. We are so proud of you. With all our love,
Mom & Dad



"Dream lofty dreams, and as you dream, so you shall become. Your vision is the promise of what you shall one day be; your ideal is the prophecy of what you shall at last unveil."
-James Allen

Kasi

Dickerson

Kasi,
The trail does not end here; it is just beginning. The trail of life can only reveal itself as it is traveled and each turn brings new opportunities and challenges. We have enjoyed watching you walk along the trail of life, and we are very proud of you and your accomplishments. Congratulations and best wishes at Iowa State next year. Love you loads!!
Dad, Mom & M.J.



Kate

Dickey



CONGRATULATIONS KATE! From our darling Pink Princess to the beautiful Good Witch G'Linda...You have always been the 'sparkle' in our lives. We are so proud of all you have accomplished in your life and we look forward to all that is to



come in the future. GO STATE! We know you will work hard and excel at whatever you choose to do in your life. Keep your eyes on the prize baby girl!
All our love goes with you in everything you do.
Mom, Dad, Ryan & Isabelle

Leah

Embrey

To our "dainty little" baby girl and little sister, We are so very proud of you in so many ways. Not only your athletic abilities, but for the way you have grown into such a sweet, caring person.



With your soft spoken, fun loving personality, we know you will be a great teacher coach and role model for your students. (Just remember you WILL have to talk as a teacher!)



Good luck at UNI and with softball and know we will always be there for you!!
We love you,
Mom, Dad & Sara

Neil

Erbes



Rhythm..... Moving you through life.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Grant and Grandparents

Yuri

FEDERON

Yuri- Time goes by so fast! Only yesterday, you were a six year old who had just arrived to this country, without a word of English, leaving behind your loving extended family, friends, familiar country and lifestyle. Looking at you now, we are so proud of all your achievements through these years!

Now it comes another big turn in your life. You are about to start your own journey, with all the excitement and responsibilities that brings. Enjoy the trip and live life to the fullest. Dream big! Go for the goals that may seem unreachable. Your family will always be behind you. We love you!
Mom, Sergei, and Dasha



Kari

Dockum

Kari, Congratulations on your graduation! We are so proud of your accomplishments and especially pleased that your hard work and determination enabled you to reach the goals you set for yourself.

In the future, we have no doubt you will continue to push yourself to achieve all that you desire. We hope and pray that you choose to see the world around you in a positive light. Treasure the day! Spread your wings and expand your comfort zone!

We love you and will always be here for you!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Chris & Abby



Ashley

Earles

Ash Baby,
Just yesterday your daddy and I were waiting at the bus stop with you for your first day of kindergarten. Look at you now....

Wishing you all the love and success as you move forward in life. Always remember...
LOOK AT THE MOON!!!!



We love you,
Mom & Adam

Michael

Elming



Congratulations, Michael. You should be extremely proud of what you have accomplished so far. The next phase of life will be an exciting one. Please know that you have our love and support in whatever you choose. We can't begin to tell you how much joy you have given us over the last eighteen years.

Love,
Dad, Mom, & Becky

Cory

Gagne



Angel, thanks for letting us help you with your wings! It has been a joy to watch you learn to fly. You are a special person, to us of course, but to so many others as well. The world is waiting to meet you, so we will have to share, but remember to land at home once in a while, too. You could not have made us prouder or God happier.

Congratulations on all your accomplishments!

Dad, Mom & Monica

Courtney

Gamble

Congratulations Courtney Rae!
Thank you for all the love, joy and laughter you have brought to our lives. We are so proud of the beautiful young woman you have become. Even though the road ahead is not a simple one, you have what it takes to be successful. Know that you will always have our love and support in all that you do.



Love,
Mom & Dad

Courtney-
Thanks for all the support you have given me and for always being there. Good luck in all that you do!

Love,
Your brother Jerry



Katie

Githens



Katie,
Congratulations! We have always been so proud of you. It has been such a blessing watching you grow into a beautiful strong woman. You have always been so disciplined and hard-working. You truly inspire us. We all love you very much and look forward to the next part of your fascinating journey.



Love,
Mom, Dad, IV, Emlie, Alexis & Matt

Zach

Guyer

Zach,
We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. We look forward to sharing with you whatever the future will bring. Live your dreams, and always remember your faith and family.

We love you,
Mom, Dad &
Matthew



Trevor

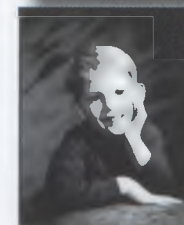
Haden



Trevor,
Keep doing what you have been doing! You continue to meet or exceed all of our expectations on the field and in the classroom. You are a true scholar athlete. When things get tough, you seem to stay cool, calm and "get 'er done." You bring relief when the game gets tight and never balk at a challenge. Continue using your God given talents. Keep that same philosophy in life, and when it throws you a curve ball you will be prepared. You are a great son and little brother.
Mom, Dad, Jake, Derek & Missy

Brad

Halbersma



Brad,
We are so incredibly proud of you and the talents God has given you on and off stage. We listened to the passion in your music and heard our "Gershwin guru" excel. We watched you make new friends at a new school and church, and most of all, be comfortable in who you are. We love you and are excited to see what your future holds.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Heidi

Grant

Jacobson



Grant,
We have enjoyed watching you grow into a wonderful young man. You have such an exciting and promising future in front of you. We look forward to cheering your accomplishments and sharing your happiness!

Love,
Dad, Mom & Ben

Reid

Jewell

Reid,
You have always been a young man with strong opinions and you are not afraid to be true to yourself-- a Longhorn in a land of Hawkeyes. We have enjoyed watching you grow and develop.

We anticipate great things for your next stage-college.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Jenna



Ally

Joslin



Ally,
What can we say? You have been waiting for this for a long time. Thanks for letting your family share in your journey. You have grown into a beautiful, talented young lady that we are so proud of. Watching you throughout the last 18 years has been a true adventure. From your dancing at the Iowa State Fair to this past year of changes and challenges you are our pride and joy. Have fun with your last year and in the future and always know we are behind you and love you more than you can imagine.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Matt

Ryan

Harm

Ryan,
You've made us so proud...
Rock on!!!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Rhianna & Casey

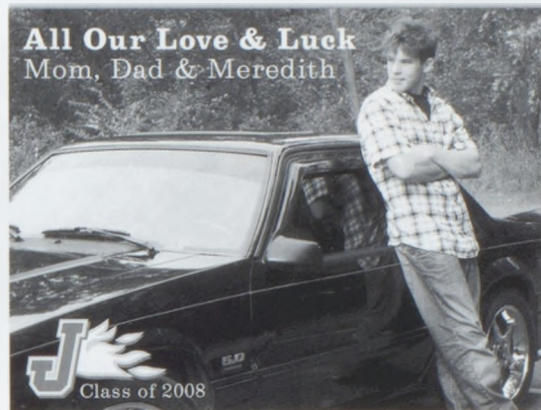


Colin

Hazelton

Congratulations Colin

All Our Love & Luck
Mom, Dad & Meredith



Nick

Hinkle



Nick,
It seems like just yesterday you were our freckle-faced boy with the big grin. We are so proud of the kind, caring, man

you have become. Throughout your life journey remember: Give 110% and you will receive 110%, listen to your inner guide, keep your energies balanced, believe in yourself- we do!!! Find joy in the simple pleasures of life, love generously, speak kindly. We wish you many blessings, love, laughter and peace. You have made our lives complete.

We love you very much!
Mom, Dad & Katie

Lindsey

Kiesling

Loo Loo,
We are so proud of you, your accomplishments and the beautiful young woman you've become! You've brought so much joy to our lives, and we want to you to know we'll always be behind you as you conquer your dreams!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Jessie



Leah

Kron



Leah,
Congratulations on an outstanding high school career. We are so proud of all your many achievements in academics, sports, and leadership activities, but most importantly we are proud of the wonderful person that you have become. We wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors, and we know that you will be successful in anything that you choose to pursue. We will always love you and be there to support you.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Alex

Rachel

Lang



Rachel,
God truly blessed us with a wonderful daughter. Thank you for all the joy, laughter, energy and love you have brought into our lives. Know that we love and support you in all that you do and look forward to sharing new opportunities and adventures with you. Explore. Dream. Discover. We are proud of you and love you very much.
Mom, Dad & Rob

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like Eagles."
Isaiah 40:31



Tara

Lappin



To Our Bear,
We love you more than words
can ever express. With your
beauty, brains, and personality
you'll be a huge success at
whatever you choose to do in
the future! Have a great time at
college!



Love,
Mom, Dad & Courtney

Thomas

Lashier



Thomas,
We have loved watching you grow
into the fine young man you are
today. You have qualities that will
serve you well in the future: a
strong faith, kindness, hard work,
determination, and our favorite,
your sense of humor! T-Roe, follow your dreams,
always be true to yourself and most of all have fun!
We love you!
Mom, Dad & Pete



T-Roe,
You've been the best big brother,
and I'm thankful for everything
you have taught me. I know
you'll do wonderful things in college and beyond. I
love you with all my heart!

Love,
Katie

Kyle

Lloyd

It's your time to FLY!



Love,
Mom & Rob

Samantha

McConeghey

Samantha,
My memories of you are ones that a mother will savor
throughout life- from singing the Hi-Ho song to looking
at you from across the room during the Iowa caucuses.
How did time pass so quickly? Surely it would take more
time to create this wonderful young woman whom I am
so incredibly proud of.

Love,
Mom & Brandon



Sammy

McConeghey

Sammy,
You don't just love children; you fall in love
with them. Like any
relationship, actions
determine how much you
fall in love! I loved you
the day you were born
and love you more each
day. Like every human
being, you have made
mistakes, but you have always searched for what
was right. I'm very proud of you, and very proud to
be your dad!
I love you,
Daddy



Heather

MUSCONITZ

Heather,
You've grown from a cute
little girl into a beautiful
young lady, both inside and
out. We are so proud of you!
Always stay true to yourself
and remember we love you
very much! -(Even if you do
leave and move away to the
ocean!)



Love,
Mom & Dad



Lauren

Lund



Lauren,
You have brought so much joy and love into our lives. Your enthusiasm and positive attitude are contagious. We are proud

of your accomplishments but more importantly of the kind person you are. Your strong character and faith will get you through life's challenges.

Keep smiling and know that our love and support will always be with you.

Congratulations!
Great love,
Dad, Mom & John



Ciera

Lundgren

Ciera,

From the moment you were born we knew that you were destined for greatness. Dream big, reach for the stars, and ALWAYS believe in yourself.



Love,
Mom, Dad, Carter & Tiffy



Chelsea

McCombs

Chelsea,
Congratulations!

We are so proud of you! God has blessed us with 17 wonderful years of watching you grow and develop into a beautiful compassionate young woman that you are today. You have brought us so much joy and delight, and we thank you for that. Your determination, independence and confidence will take you far in life. We know that whatever you decide to do, you will do it well. Continue to keep your faith. Always remember in everything you

do, trust in God. He will never let you down. Stay true to yourself and keep being you!

We love you very much,
Mom, Dad & Christopher



Kaitlyn

OToole

There once was a girl we called K.T.,
Whose family thought she was amazing.
We called her our "squirt" until she started to flirt,
Then calling her names was just crazy.

Your passions have kept you quite busy,
Soccer, dance and friends aplenty.
You've always made time for our family and the
Traditions that could work us into a tizzy.

You've developed quite a sense of humor,
That you've brought us all to tears is no rumor.
Now sending you off to college seems crazy.
But we know you will be strong and amazing.

You're scores ahead of where we were at 18,
With a bright future yet unseen.
Off to college you go, the thought is quite weighty.
But you'll always be our little K.T.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Megan



Austin

Pierce



Dear Austin,
It's so hard to believe you are a senior and about to graduate. Words can hardly express just

how proud we are of you. You have brought so much joy and laughter to our family. We are confident you will be successful in all you do. Jeremiah 29:11 We want you to know we will always love you!

Love,
Mom and Dad



Carli

Pike

Congratulations, Carli!

You have grown from being our cute little Carli-Bear to a very beautiful woman, inside and out.

You have many talents, Carli; the one that stands out is that you are bubbly and fun, lifting everyone's spirits even when you're down yourself. Putting others first and being loyal to friends and family have been one of your best qualities. You have always been very independent, head strong, going for what you believe in, not settling for what's easy. With all your wonderful talents, we are confident that you will do very well in your future career! We are very proud of you, Carli! You are our SUNSHINE. Keep smiling and making people happy!

We love you so much,
Mom, Dad & Alli



Dustin

Prie

Dustin,
Wow, what a ride! From the time you were born you have made things exciting! You have accomplished so many great things, and with your whole future in front of you it will be fun to watch you pursue the things that are important to you. You really are an outstanding son and brother; from your concern of others, your competitive desire to succeed, your integrity, and your demonstration of making good decisions.

We are so proud of you!

We wish you happiness and success in all your future rides in life!

With all our love and support,
Mom, Dad, Nathan,
Nicole & Collin



Haley

Ramsey

Haley,
We can hardly believe that you are a senior! You are a beautiful young lady, inside and out. You have a very generous heart and a warm spirit. We are proud of you, and we hope you will continue to work hard to reach your goals. Stay focused and have fun.



We love you very much!
Mom, Dad, Logan,
Kieran & Aidan



Erica

RUSSELL!



Erica Russell,
Our blue-eyed baby girl. My, how these years have flown by so fast. Soon you will be out on your own. Our love and best wishes will travel with you.

Love Always,
Mom, Dad, Brandy & Kayla



Kyle

SEEVERS

Kyle,
Happy Graduation!
Thank you for giving us happiness and making us proud. Continue to work hard and dream big!



Love,
Mom, Dad & Ryan

Alex

Stanbrough



Alex,
We have watched you grow into a smart, funny, compassionate and accomplished young man. We are proud of everything you have done throughout your high school career. You have always had an amazing ability to make friends, and we know what an incredible friend you have been. What a great time you will have at Iowa State. Your future is bright. It will be such fun watching you grow in the next chapter of your life. We love you and will miss you. We believe in you and know the world is yours!
Love you,
Mom & Dad



Brianna

Stone

B...
Since you were a little girl you were always full of love and life. Our hope is that you continue to spread your love of life to others along your journey. We wish you the best, honey, no matter where you go or what you do. "Dream no small dreams for they have no power to move the hearts of men." We love you to the moon and back.. Infinity times.



Mom, Jim, Jen, Matt,
Kaiti & Beej

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord..." Jeremiah 29:11

Paige

Sanders

Paige, Your talents, positive attitude, and ability to "do your best when under pressure" will take you as far as you want to go. Your caring and accepting nature, sense of humor and infectious smile will win you many friends along the way. We're so proud of you! You go girl!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Congrats to my FAVORITE sister! I can't believe you're graduating! You made it! Seriously, as much as I hate seeing my little sister grow up, I know you have an exciting future, and I can't wait to see what's in store for you!

Love,
Tim

Nicole & Michele

Schoop



Congratulations, Nicole and Michele! We are so proud of you girls and have loved every minute watching you both become such beautiful

young women! Keep working hard, believe in yourselves and you can do anything. We are excited for your college experiences and the next level of your softball careers. It's your time to shine. Live, laugh and love life to the fullest and keep smiling!

We love you both very much,
Mom, Dad & Mindy



Pat

Shockey



Pat (P-Man), What a joy you've been to us through the years. Your strong spirit, kind heart and sense of social responsibility will take you far in life. You have made some wonderful friends over the years, and we appreciate you sharing them with us. We are so proud of the person you are and look forward to being part of the man you become. Life is short but sweet for certain!

Love You!
Mom, Dad & Jonathan



Jillian

Swoyer



Jillie- It seems like only yesterday that your dad, brothers and I got the best gift- our beautiful little sister and daughter. You

have enhanced my life so much! It has been wonderful watching you grow into such a beautiful dancer and a fantastic person. I look forward to all the new adventures in your life! We all love you dearly and wish you all the best in the world!

Love you,
Mom, Jeff, Nate & Zach

Maggie

Thlges

Maggie, You've grown to be a beautiful young woman. May your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities and to the most special places you have ever known.

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Adam & Luke



Mike

Traxel



Mike, Way to go, little buddy! You made it through high school! You have been a blessing to us in so many ways. God has great plans for your future; always remember Proverbs 3:5-6. They are words to live by. Best of luck in the future. We love you and are very proud of you!

Mom, Bob, Jenny & Jennifer

Jordan

Vanessen



Dear Jordan,
Graduation is just the beginning!
A finished person is boring. The
choices we make show who we
truly are. Don't worry about
tomorrow and always lend your
strong voice and hand to those
who need you.

Keep in the sunlight with God's
grace. We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Kelsey, Roscoe Man &
Marley Man



Tucker

Vasey

Tucker-
You cannot control the length of your life, but
you can control the width and the depth. Find
your passion. We are so proud of the person
you have become. Best of luck at
the Power Ranger Academy.

Love,
Mom, Dad &
Spencer



Jennifer

Mlegas



Dear Smooches (Fuzzpot),
We love you so much! We are
so proud of the young woman
you've become: the way you
speak your mind and stick to your
convictions. Your love and interest
in animals is absolutely God-given.
Always remember, "All things
work together for good who
love the Lord." WE LOVE YOU,
CHICK!

Love,
Dad, Mooch, Cloak & Chris



P.S. Vippi is not a word

Jenna

Wilson



Our Dearest Jenna,
It's hard for us to realize that you're
closing the first phase of your life's
journey and moving onto the next.
You've grown into a lovely young
woman with a kind heart and good
character. You've done well during this
first part of your journey. You're a successful student
and have learned that hard work and responsibility
will help you succeed. You've also learned how to be a

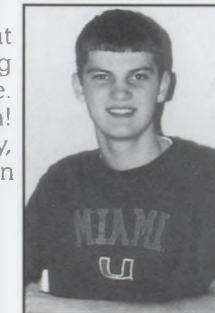


good friend and kind person. You have
many good qualities that will help you
succeed in life. Know that we're always
here for you and wish you happiness
in your journey of life. We're so very
proud of you! Believe in your dreams
and follow your heart... always!
We love you!
Mom, Dad & Jared

Logan

Young

We can't believe that you're
graduating already! You
have worked hard to reach
your goals, and we are so
proud of you. You have an
exciting and bright future
ahead of you. We know
with your determination
you will accomplish all that
you strive for. Keep working
hard and enjoy the ride.
We love you very much!
Dad, Mom, Haley,
Kieran & Aidan



Michelle

Wallace

"What lies behind us
and what lies before us
are tiny matters
compared to what
lies within us."
Ralph Waldo
Emerson



Leslie

Ware

Dear Leslie,
We couldn't be more proud of the young woman
you've become! You've accomplished so much
in your years at JHS- in the classroom, on the
basketball court and on the soccer field. We've loved
watching your games and cheering your hard work!
You've always been an unselfish teammate and a
great friend. Your determination and love for life will
take you far. We'll be watching with pride while you
make your dreams come true. Congratulations! We
love you very much!



Love,
Mom, Dad & Megan



Scott

Weiss

Our Scottie,
We want to thank you from
the bottom of our hearts
for bringing us so much
happiness. We have adored
you since the day you were
born, and we feel so lucky to
be your parents. The closeness
we share with you means
everything to us, and we
will always be here for you.
You are amazing and your
quiet inner-strength and the
responsibility that you have shown have made us
proud. You have what it takes to fulfill all of your
dreams and we'll be there along for the "ride!"
We love you so much!
Mom & Dad




Class of 2008

Class Colors : *Purple & Black*

Class Flower : *Hibiscus*

Class Quote : "What lies behind us and what lies before us are
tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson



piecing it t

together





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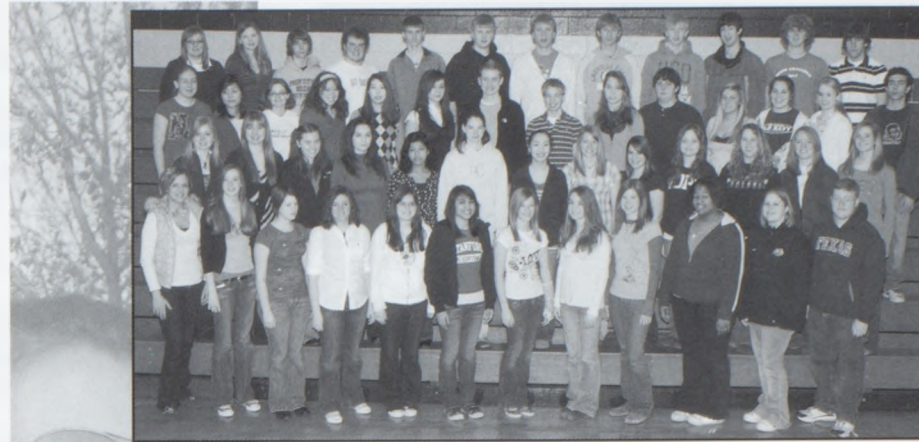
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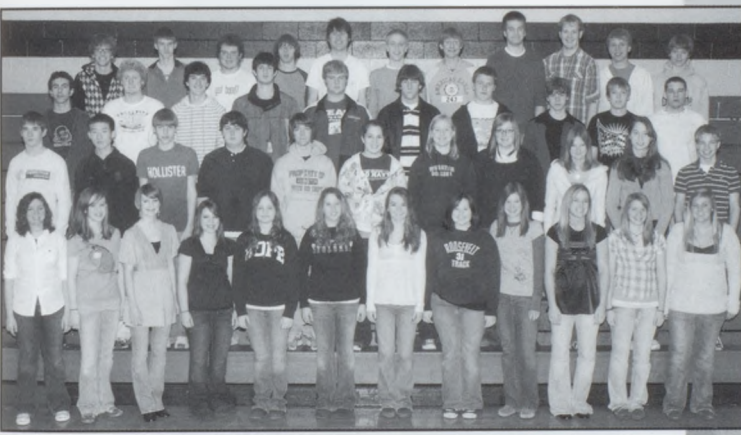
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ROW 3 Jon Emheiser, Neil Erb, Tanner Gardiner, Ben Hjelmaas, Ethan Nutter, John Hall, Jake Hiel, Joe Evans, Ryan Coomes, Cody Zoss
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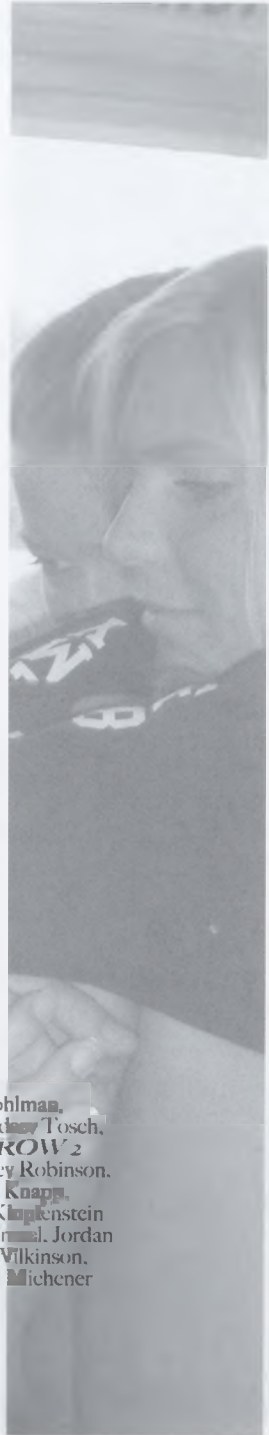


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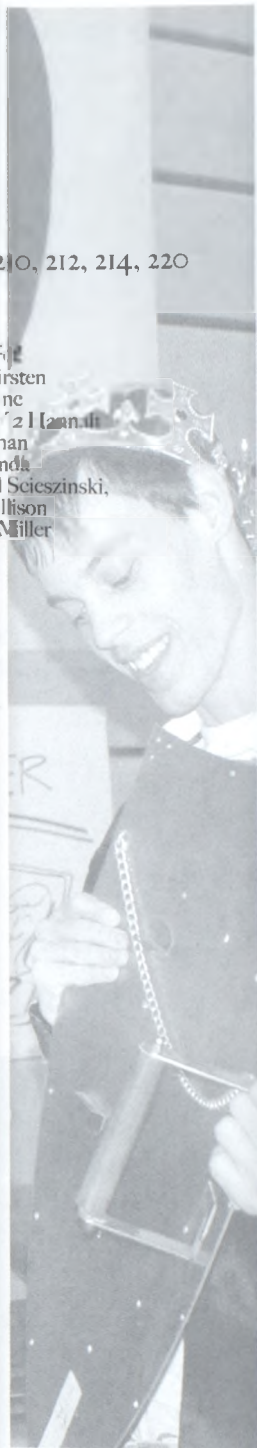
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Cheerleading Winter Sophomores: Taylor Smith, Allison Rawls, Jessica Johnson, Karoline Johnson **ROW 2** Amanda Karlow, Libby Elmitt, Megan Batterson, Emily Kane



Cheerleading Winter Varsity: Holly Kimble, Shelby Brose, Amy Kruger, Ashley Hoogenakker, Mickey Greene, Taylor Probst, Jessica Rice, Courtney Kimble, Bethany Hoogenakker **ROW 2** Alyssa Turnquist, Megan Davis, Kate Dickey, Amber Smith, Colby Lindsey, Natalie Cunningham, Jordain Skarphol, Alex Swanson, Niki Feaster

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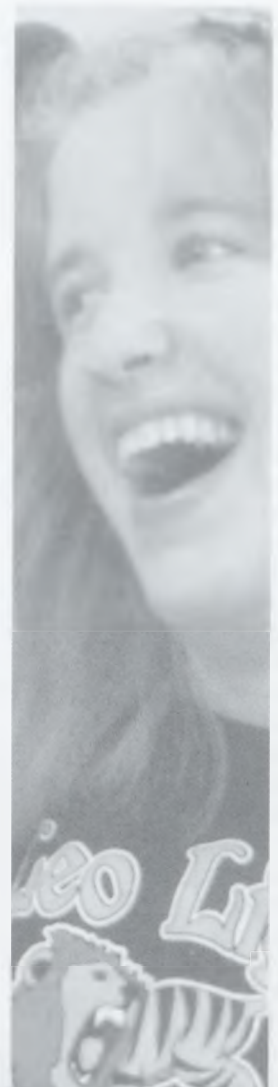
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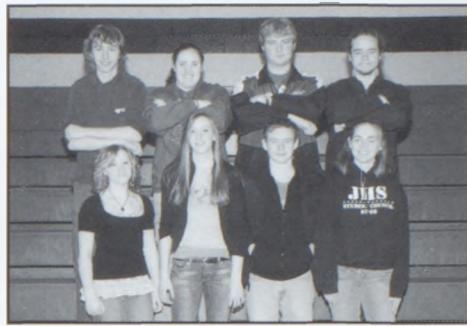
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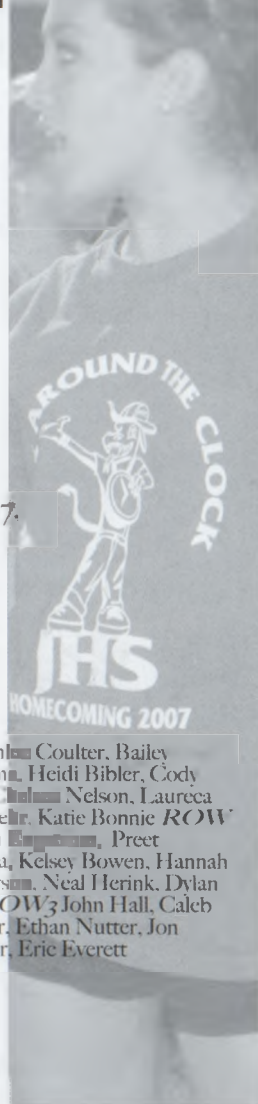


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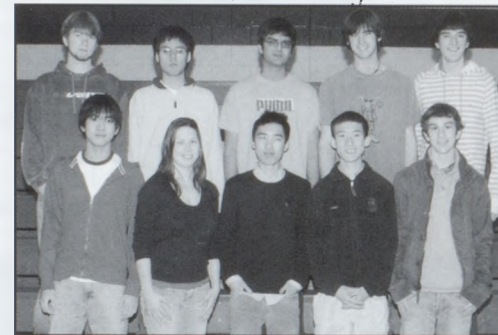
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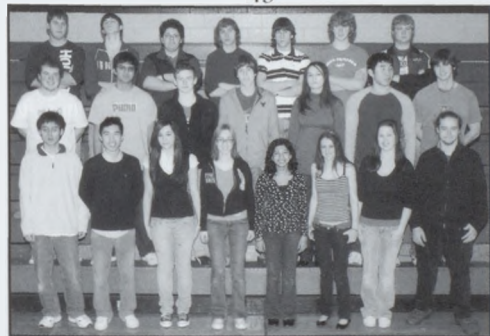
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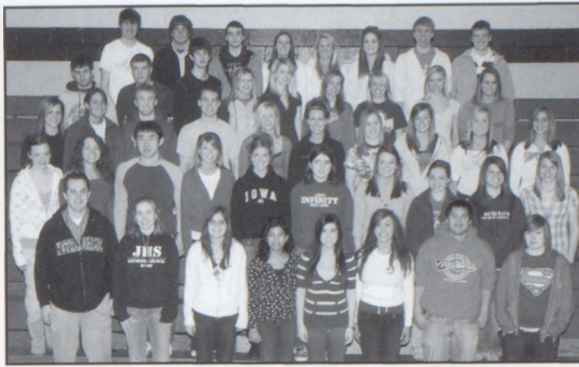


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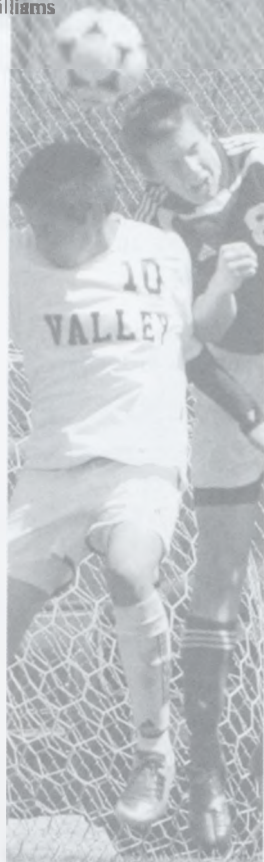
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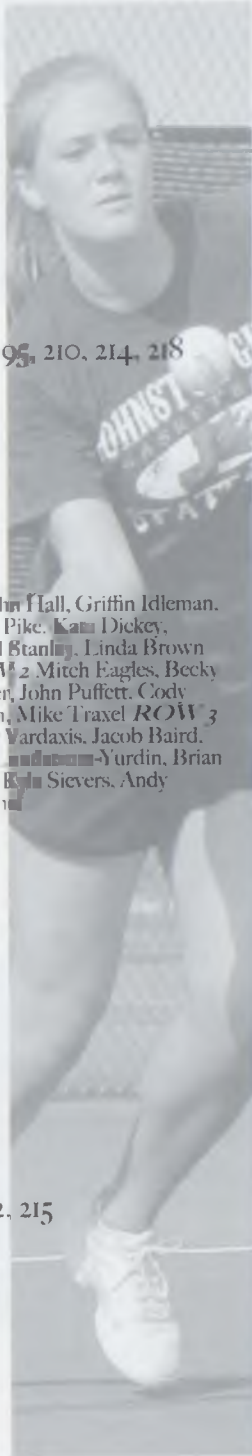
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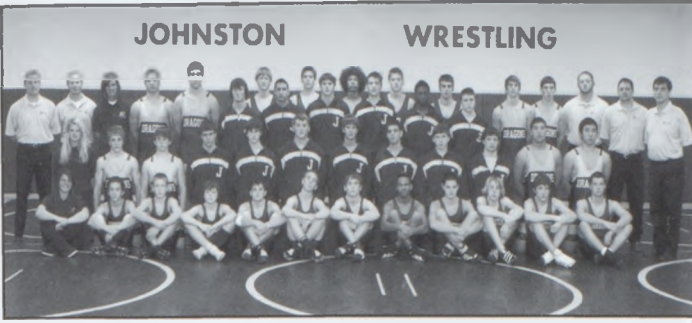
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Shouting to the fans senior
Natalie Cunningham leads the
crowd in clapping their hands
during the Urbandale game.
Many fans unsuccessfully clapped
their hands with the rhythm but
still showed their dragon pride.

photo by Abby Weaver

A large **piece** of JHS left at the conclusion of the year which is also the conclusion of this book. The class of 2008 took 379 **pieces** of the high school with them, and looking back on the year, were able to see how everything fit together and allowed them to grow.

The growing experience wasn't only saved for the seniors; each and every student experienced the **pieces** that created their year. Just as quickly as JHS tumbled to the ground, it then expanded. Classes were moved to a brand new wing. The cafeteria closed for remodeling, yet students were able to make use of the brand new exercise facility for lunch, with Papa John's pizza delivered every Friday.

Every team was a **piece** of its own. Basketball teams adjusted to new mentalities. A successful mock trial team placed 3rd in the state after a long run. The

pieces.



Mr. Larkin
& Mr. Brimeyer



Katelyn Ingersoll '08



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Varsity Football

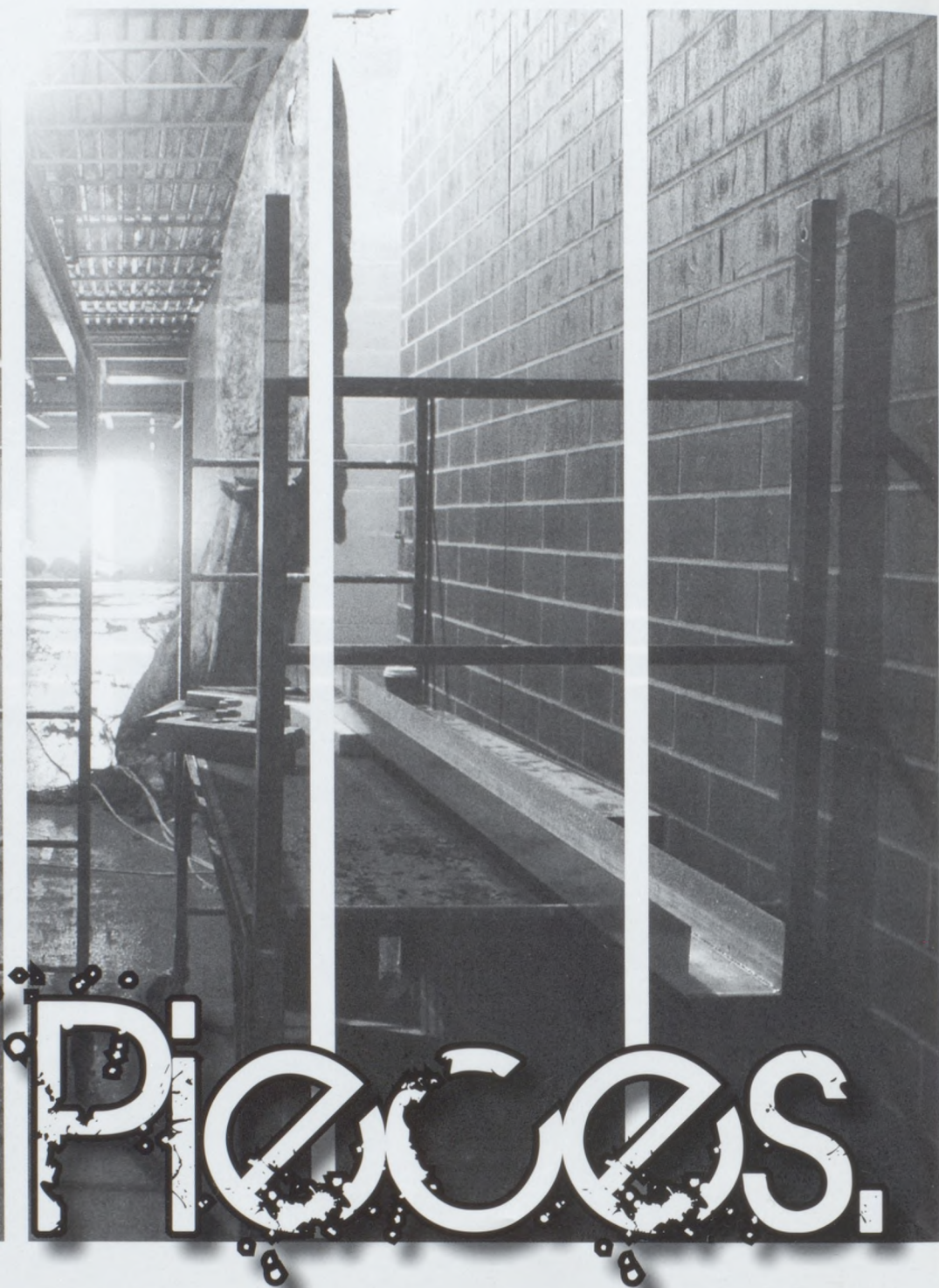
girls' soccer team accepted and competed at the state competition in Muscatine. The effort of every individual in every group fit together and assembled success.

And as always, students learned **pieces** of knowledge and lessons that they would never forget. While teachers ignored the sounds and smells of construction, they ingrained in students habits of learning- by any means necessary; math teachers took advantage of technology, and social studies staff referenced a presidential campaign unlike any other.

In order to remember the essence of a year, of any experience, one must look at the **pieces** that created it. Every success, every mistake and every challenge was part of something much bigger; something that will always be remembered. *Spread by Erin Funk and Bethany Christenson. Copy by Cory Gagne*



JHS Construction,
Fall 2007



Pieces.







Awards

National

National Scholastic Press Association

All-American 2007

NSPA Best of Show

Denver - Sixth Place

JEA Write-offs Yearbook

Excellent

Erin Funk, 2007 — theme

Honorable Mention

Bethany Christenson, 2007 — layout

State

IHSPA State Contest

Third Place, 2007

Individual State

First

Cory Gagne, 2007 -Faculty Copy

Cory Gagne, 2007 -Special Features

Alle Moffit, 2007- Academics spread

Alle Moffit, 2007-Organizations Spread

Alle Moffit, 2007-Typography

Second

Kiley Dewhurst, 2007- student life copy

Alle Moffitt, 2007- student life spread

Katie Norris, 2007- sports copy

Olivia Schiefelbein, 2007- faculty photo

David Zorn, 2007- package

Third

Megan Browning, 2007- academics copy

Bethany Christenson, 2007- org. photo

David Zorn, 2007- opening/closing spread

Honorable Mention

Megan Browning, 2007- organizations copy

Alle Moffitt, 2007- mugs spread

Alle Moffitt, 2007- sports spread

Abby Weaver, 2007- sports photo

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Colophon

Here are the pieces of our year, assembled into one 200-page book. Those with a mere extra five bucks to spare paid \$44 for a yearbook with a nameplate, but those without paid \$39. Our ads won't be found in the book this year, but on the west wall of the high school gym. We raised \$7,585, with a portion of the money funding the creation of our larger-than-life sign. The pieces of our book were constructed on 12 eMacs and two iBooks using Adobe InDesign CS3 (a recent upgrade). All printing was done by our own lab printer, an HP LaserJet 5100tn, unless of course it was rebelling by giving us errors, in which case we got our exercise by walking downstairs to retrieve our pages from the library. Once they were completely pieced together, we were able to electronically upload our pages to Herff Jones, located at 940 West

1400 North, Logan, Utah, 84321. Most of the photographs in the Dragon were taken on one of three Nikon D-70 camera, potentially using our Nikon PowerLens. Photo editing was completed on Adobe Photoshop CS3 (also a recent upgrade). The cover design was a collaboration that was originally conceived by Erin then put into existence by Hannah and Bethany, although almost every staff member contributed to making it what it is. Endsheets were made by Erin to contrast the cover. Layouts were also a collaboration between the co-editors and design team. Lots and lots of thanks goes to Marc Havnen, our Herff Jones rep, who brought us helpful information along with licorice. The 2007 Dragon won a Pacemaker, a first for Johnston, making our book one of the top 23 in the nation. It placed third at the state competition.



Pieces
of our staff.

When you think about it, this is a piece of your life.